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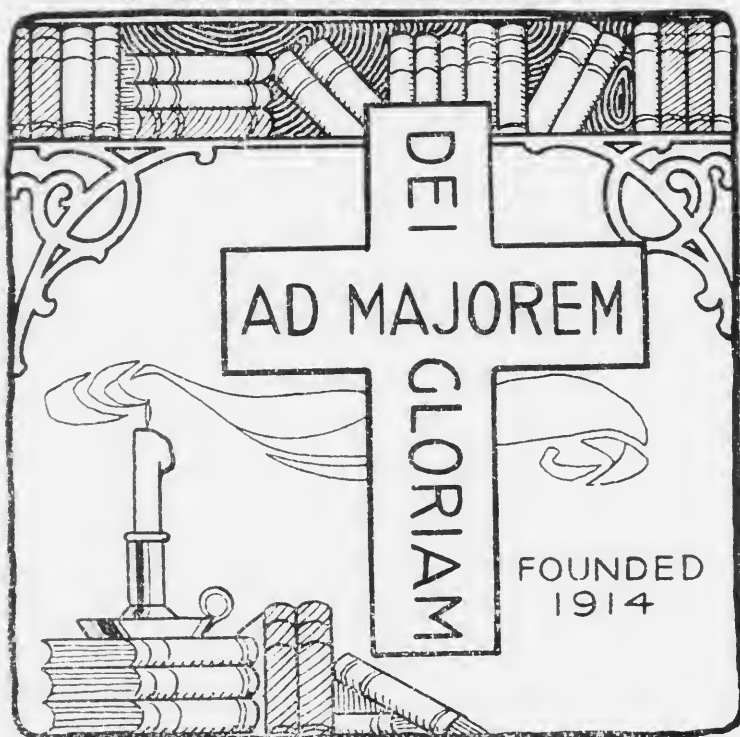
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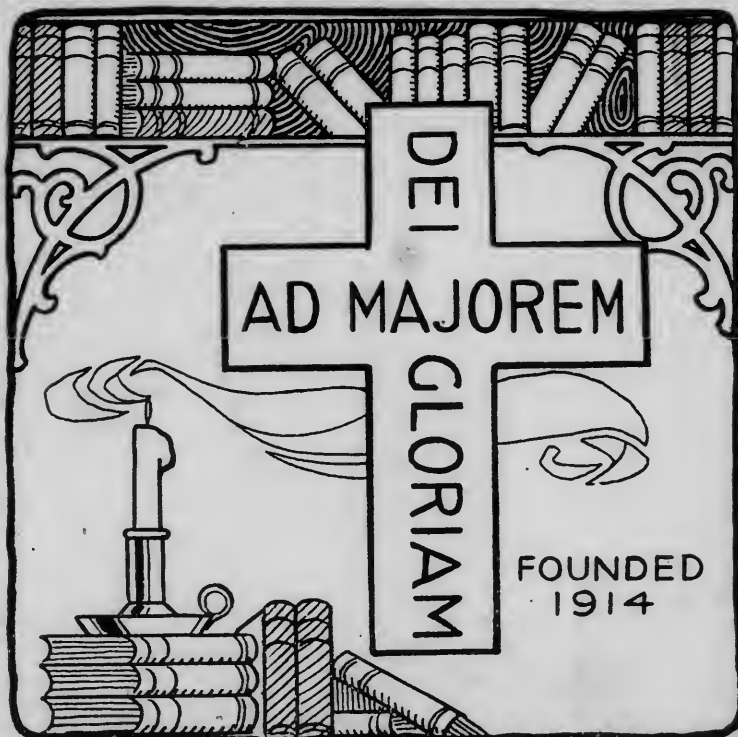
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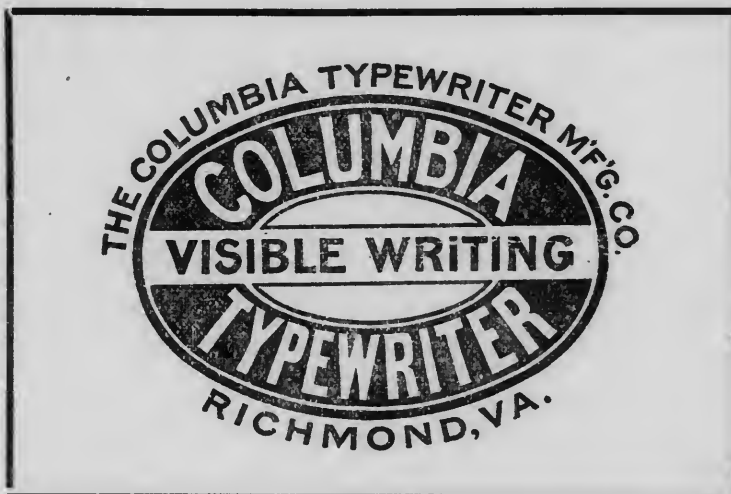
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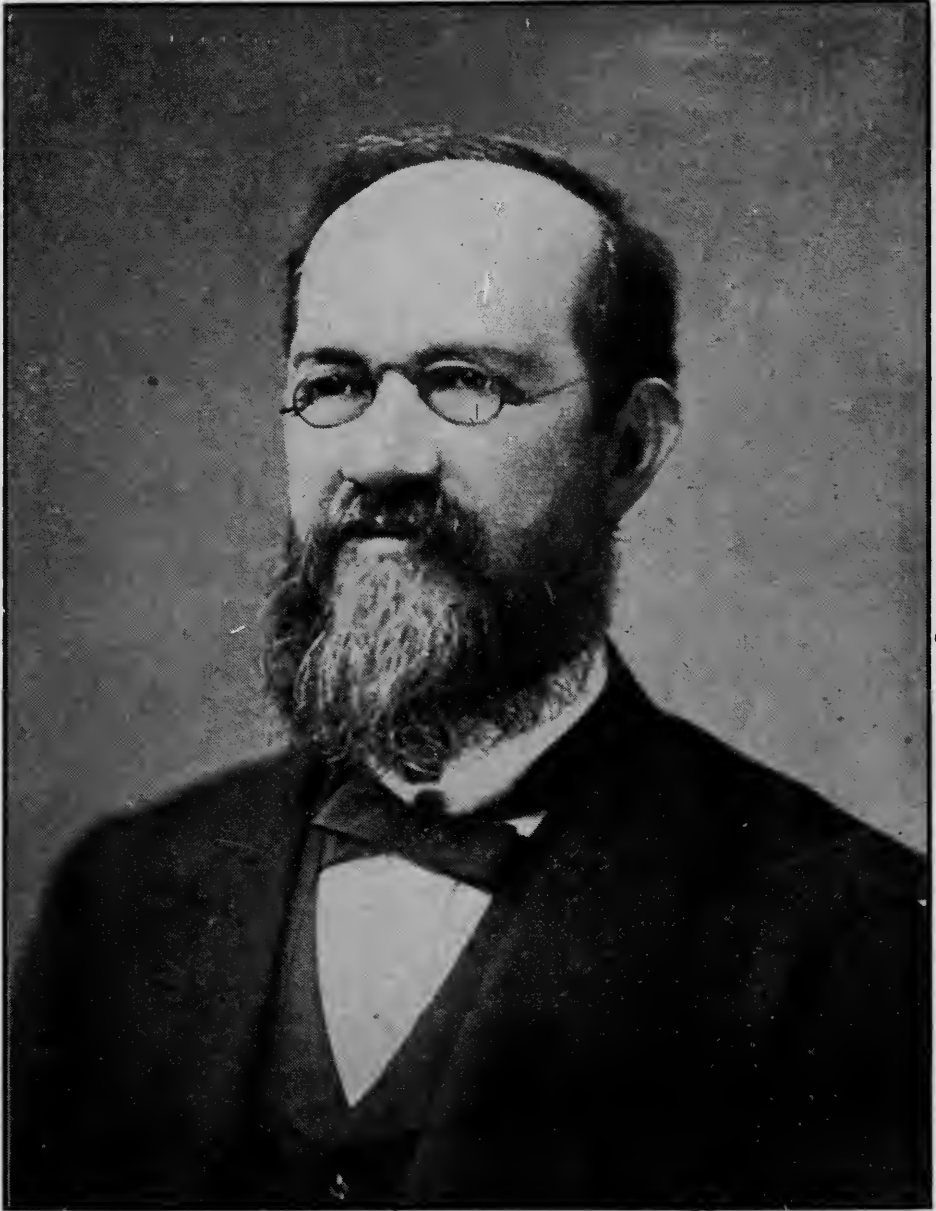
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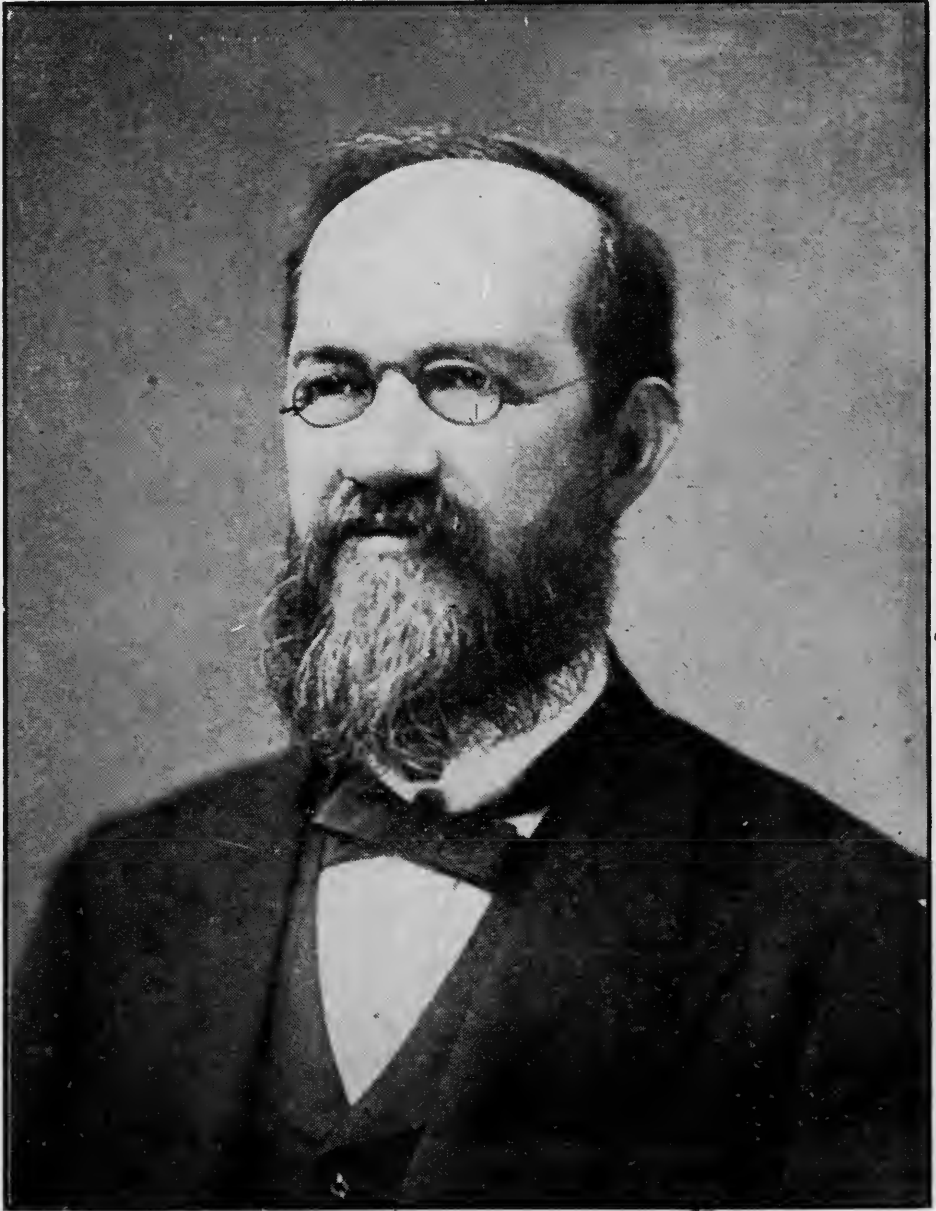
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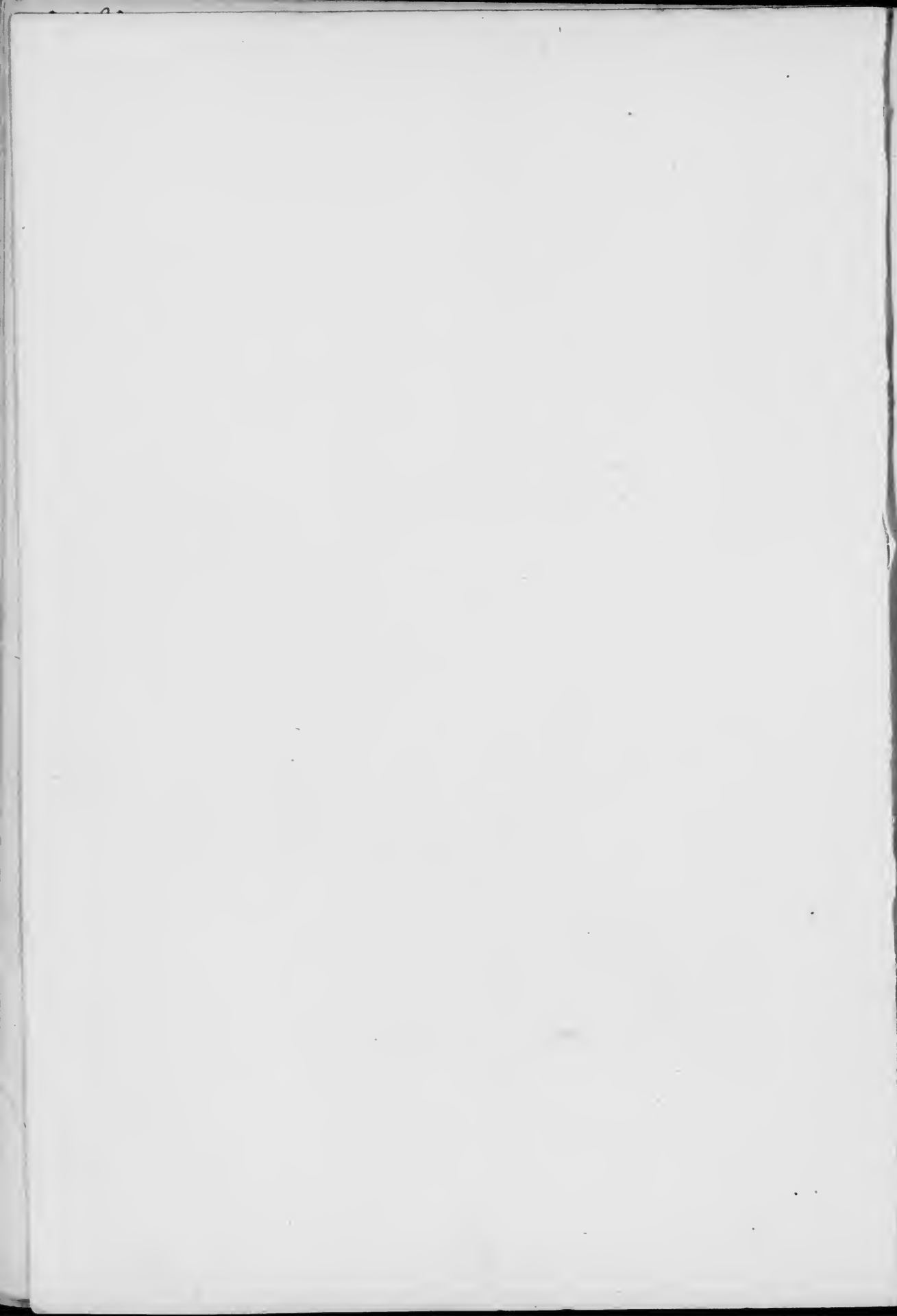
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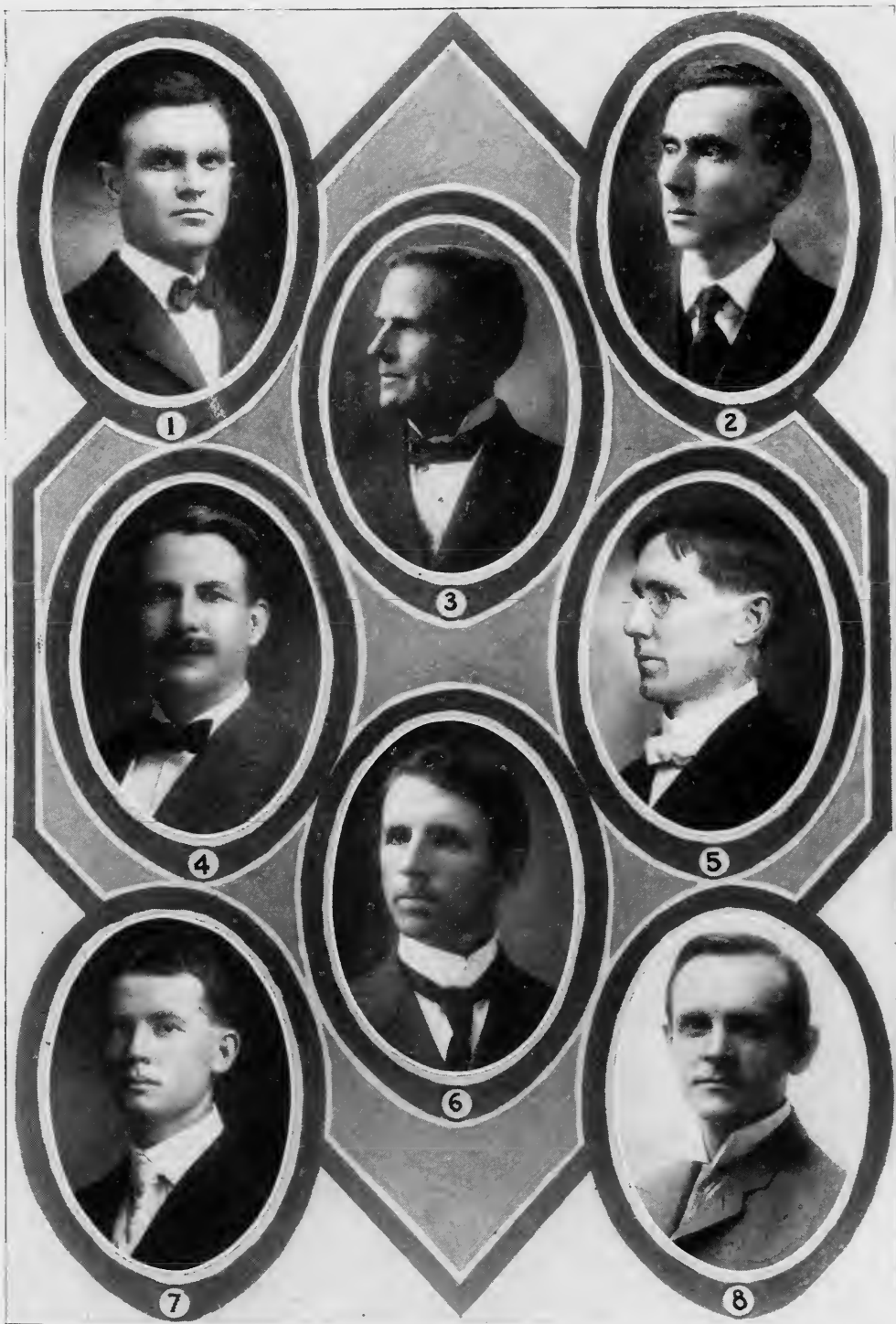
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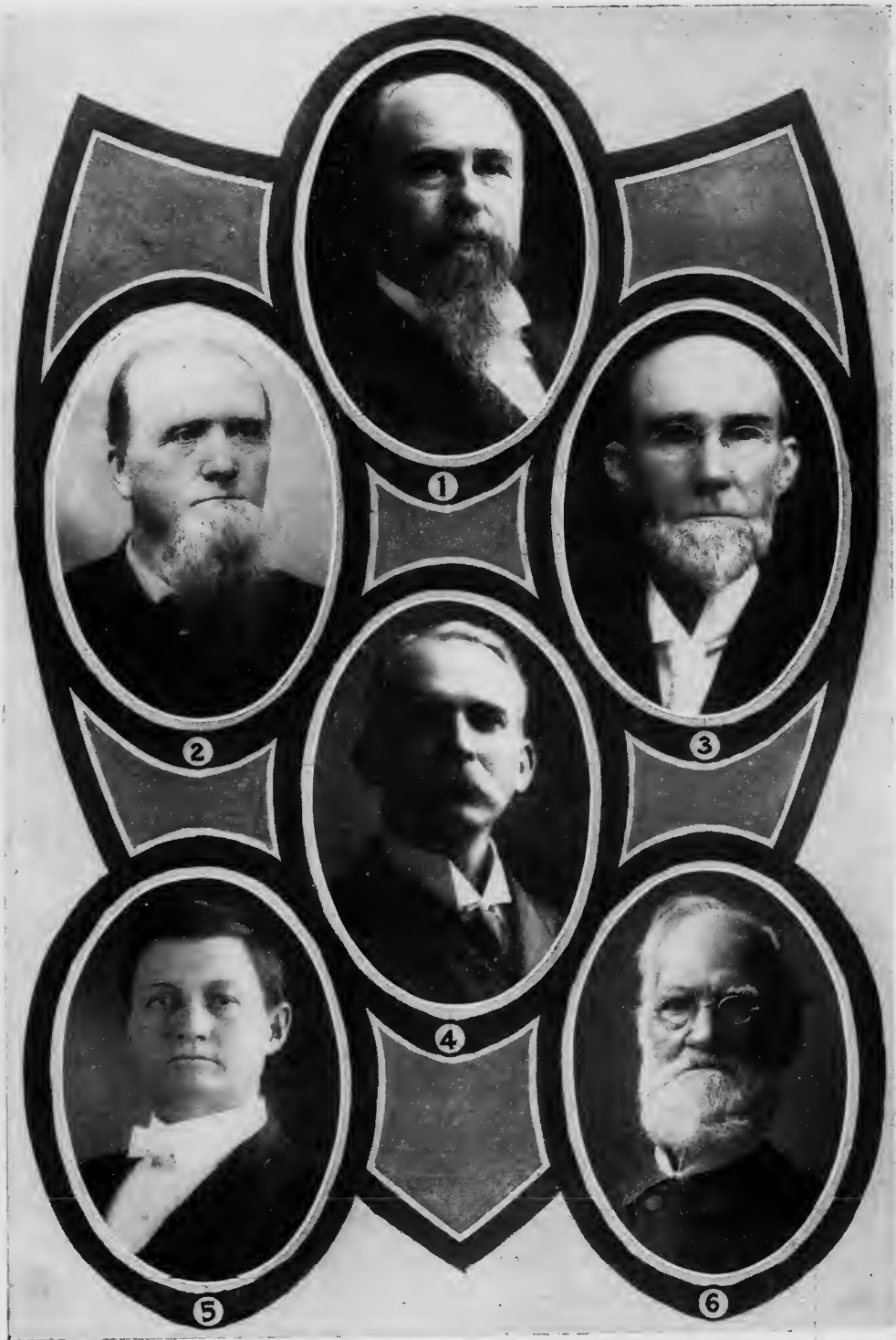
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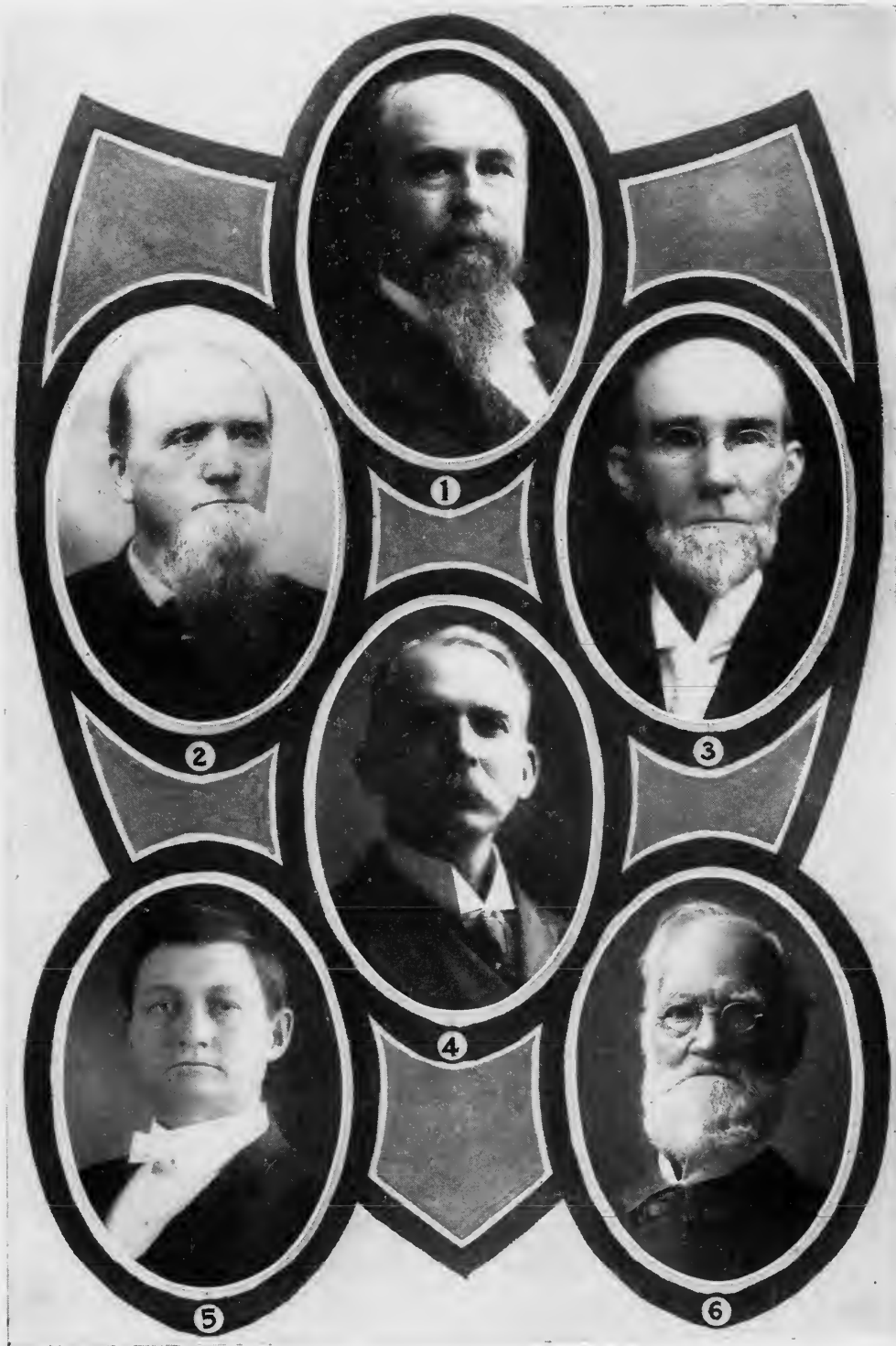
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There is no Year Book of any other church which shows such a varied list of illustrations as the SOUTHERN METHODIST HANDBOOK. While the illustrations in this issue are not printed in half-tones as before, yet there are more of them and they show up well on the good quality of book-paper which is used.

“What is the greatest difficulty you meet in preparing the HANDBOOK?” some interested brother asks. Well, there are difficulties and difficulties. We would say that the greatest difficulty—and it sorely tries our equanimity—is in the fact that so many of the saints do not answer our letters, although we almost tearfully beg them to do so. No enclosed postage, no promise of largess, no appeal to brotherly sympathy is of any avail. These saints simply have not gone on to that “perfection” which has in its calendar the grace of replying to a letter of inquiry, though it be fat with stamps for return postage. Oh, for a revival throughout Southern Methodism in this special grace!

We wish to express our obligation to many of the brethren who have so kindly answered our letters, furnished the information desired, and, in other ways, assisted us. We find the Conference Secretaries and their assistants, as a rule, very brotherly in meeting the wants of the editor in preparing the HANDBOOK. The heads of the different departments of our connectional work have shown a hearty spirit of appreciation and co-operation. We are under especial obligation to Mr. G. W. Cain, business manager of the Mission Rooms at Nashville, for his unwearying kindness in responding helpfully to our many calls for facts and figures.

In studying the Conference Journals, we find two facts which militate against statistical accuracy: (1) Very often the figures given in the General Minutes do not correspond to the figures given in the tables; (2) among the travelling preachers are included some local preachers, and among the local preachers are some who are counted as travelling preachers. On account of the latter fact no one has been able to tell with accuracy just how many preachers of each kind we have in Southern Methodism. We will never be able to tell until the General Conference shall furnish us a basis of understanding on the point in question. We believe that our figures for travelling and local preachers, in spite of the difficulty, are approximately correct.

In the contents of the HANDBOOK one very important feature is missing, and that is a roll of all the travelling preachers, with their post-office address. The main reasons why we have not included this roll are that it would occupy more than its proportionate space, and, that in getting a complete roll, we would have to wait until nearly spring. We do not mention the vast labor that would be involved in making such a roll.

Some of the pages of the HANDBOOK were printed before the convening of some of the Annual Conferences. These Conferences changed some of the figures and names. This fact will be borne in mind by our readers.

Remember that the SOUTHERN METHODIST HANDBOOK for 1908 is sold at the nominal price of twenty-five cents, plus five cents for postage. Address T. N. Ivey, Raleigh, N. C.

THE YEAR 1907

" 'Tis weary watching, wave on wave,
And yet the tide heaves onward;
We build like corals grave on grave,
But pave a pathway sunward.
We are beaten back in many a fray,
But newer strength we borrow;
And where the vanguard rests to-day,
The rear shall camp to-morrow."

Through the medium of facts and figures we may look back on the year 1907 and find but little to sadden and much to encourage us. The march of Southern Methodism through the swiftly passing months, which have just vanished, was marked by many signal victories. The pessimist cannot find in the annals of the year more than a modicum of his peculiar and abnormal food. The onward movement of our mighty host is a palpable triumphant fact, whose voice must drown all croakings and dark prophecies. God has done great things for us. Let us rejoice.

SOUL-SAVING.

Many revival fires burned among our churches during the year. The evangelistic spirit was evident. It is a matter of rejoicing that our people while not discrediting the worthy man who calls himself an "evangelist," are learning to look upon the preacher-in-charge as the best evangelist. A large majority of conversions reported were the fruit of the preachers-in-charge assisted only by the Holy Spirit, and, perhaps, a fellow-laborer in the itinerant ranks.

The net gain in membership for the year is 38,295. The total membership including local preachers, but not the travelling preachers, who, without including the supplies, number 6,205, is 1,705,635. We are rapidly approaching the two million mark. There is one fact which gives us some concern and that is, the church membership does not seem to be keeping pace with the population of the whole country. See the table on another page giving the respective ratios for the last four decades.

The following table will show the increase in membership for the last six years:

1902	Members, 1,518,232.....	Net gain, 12,991
1903	Members, 1,549,449.....	Net gain, 31,635
1904	Members, 1,574,663.....	Net gain, 25,214
1905	Members, 1,613,309.....	Net gain, 38,646
1906	Members, 1,662,572.....	Net gain, 49,263
1907	Members, 1,700,867.....	Net gain, 38,295

Total gain for the six years 196,044

Very few of the Annual Conferences showed a net loss in membership. The net gains in some of the Conferences were truly gratifying.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Sunday school scholars for 1907	1,137,842
Sunday school scholars for 1906	1,083,665
Net gain for the year	54,177
Epworth League members for 1907	129,115
Epworth League members for 1906	123,629
Net gain for the year	5,486

The gain in Sunday school scholars, not including officers and teachers for 1906, was 43,880. So we see that this year's gain is much larger. The ratio of Sunday school scholars to church members this year is .66. Last year it was .65. The percentage of increase for 1907 is .049. Last year it was .042.

The figures prove that the Epworth League is not losing, but gaining ground. The gain in 1906 was 3,257. This year it is 5,486.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Paid for bishops, 1907	\$ 63,101
Paid for presiding elders, 1907	476,377
Paid for preachers-in-charge, 1907	3,547,262
Total to bishops, presiding elders and P. C.'s, 1907	4,086,740
Total to bishops, presiding elders and P. C.'s, 1906	3,798,225
Net gain for the year	288,515
Paid for Conference claimants, 1907	246,418
Paid for Conference claimants, 1906	224,729
Net gain for year	21,689
Total paid for bishops, P. E.'s, P. C.'s and Conference claimants, 1907	4,333,998

Total paid for bishops, P. E.'s, P. C.'s and Conference claimants, 1906	4,023,004
Net gain for year	309,994
Average per member for 1907	\$2.84
Average per member for 1906	\$2.41

We would call attention to the large increase in the amount paid to our Conference claimants. Never before, perhaps, in the history of Southern Methodism has so large a gain been shown. Last year it was only \$10,295. The North Georgia Conference has the honor of paying the largest amount for this purpose—the sum of \$21,203. The Baltimore Conference comes next with \$16,871; the Virginia Conference next with \$15,162. The average paid per member for the whole ministerial support fund has increased from \$2.41 in 1906 to \$2.84, 1907.

MISSIONS.

Paid for Foreign Missions, 1907	\$387,204
Paid for Domestic Missions, 1907	270,572
Total for Foreign and Domestic Missions (including specials), 1907	683,210
Total for Foreign and Domestic Missions (including specials), 1906	639,434
Net gain for the year	43,776
Paid for Church Extension, 1907	124,175
Paid for Church Extension, 1906	113,080
Net gain for the year	11,195
Paid by Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, 1907	183,438
Paid by Woman's Foreign Mission Society, 1906	154,880
Net gain for the year	28,558
Paid by Woman's Home Mission Society, 1907	464,491
Paid by Woman's Home Mission Society, 1906	338,841
Net gain for year	125,650
Total from all sources for missions, 1907	1,455,316
Total from all sources for missions, 1906	1,246,236
Net gain for the year	209,080
Average paid per member .....	.85
Average paid per member to Foreign and Dom. Missions, .....	.40

There was a smaller gain in receipts for Foreign Missions than for any other cause under this head. The Woman's Societies have done great things. The figures for the Woman's Home Mission Societies are simply phenomenal. If we did not have from the

Conference Secretaries the figures we would be tempted to believe that some clerical mistake had been made. Over six hundred thousand dollars paid by the women of the church in one year! This is truly wonderful.

OUR ASCENDED.

In the early part of the year the Church was saddened by the news of the death of the saintly Granbery, who had so long been in the Episcopal office. The memory even of such a man is one of the richest inheritances of the Church.

During the year that centenarian whose life was as full of shining traits and self-sacrificing labors as his life was full of years went up to receive his reward. We also record the death of the following true and tried itinerant preachers: Rev. Paul Whitehead, D. D., one of the most stalwart figures in Virginia Methodism; Rev. John R. Brooks, D. D., whose work on "Scriptural Sanctification" is a great boon to the Church; Rev. J. M. Boland, D. D., also an author of worth; Rev. Young J. Allen, D. D., who died at his post in China, after having stamped his impress and that of his Master on China's great empire; Rev. John Mathews, D. D., the "old man remarkable," who proved that there need be no "dead line" in the pastorate. These and other preachers of whom we might say much are no longer with us, but they have left a sweet odor among us.

Quite a number of prominent layman have died during the year.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS.

In April an Educational Conference was held in St. Louis, in connection with the Board of Education. This meeting gave a great impetus to our educational life. The Secretary, Rev. J. D. Hammond, D. D., is doing a great work in his department, and his report is indeed cheering.

In May was held the first General Conference of the Methodist Church of Japan. It was composed of duly elected representatives of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Methodist Church of Canada.

The Laymen's Conference at Memphis, resulting in the organization of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, was one of the most significant events of the year. It promises much in the way of stimulating our people to enlarged liberality and more strenuous endeavors both at home and abroad.

OUR BISHOPS LIVING AND DEAD

Joshua Soule.—Elected in 1824, and died March 6, 1867, near Nashville, Tenn., at the age of 85.

James Osgood Andrew.—Elected by the General Conference of 1832. Died at Mobile, Ala., March, 1871, at the age of 76.

William Capers.—Elected by the General Conference of 1846. Died at Anderson Court House, S. C., January 29, 1855, at the age of 65.

Robert Paine.—Elected by the General Conference of 1846. Died at Aberdeen, Miss., October 19, 1882, at the age of 82.

Henry Biddleman Bascom.—Elected by the General Conference of 1850. Died in Louisville, Ky., September 8, 1850, at the age of 54.

George F. Pierce.—Elected by the General Conference of 1854. Died near Sparta, Ga., September 3, 1884, at the age of 73.

John Early.—Elected by the General Conference of 1854. Died at Lynchburg, Va., in November, 1873, at the age of 87.

Hubbard Hinde Kavanaugh.—Elected by the General Conference of 1854. Died in Columbus, Miss., March 19, 1884, at the age of 82.

William May Wightman.—Elected by the General Conference of 1866. Died in Charleston, S. C., February 5, 1882, at the age of 74.

Enoch Mather Marvin.—Elected by the General Conference of 1866. Died in St. Louis, Mo., November 26, 1877, at the age of 54.

David Seth Doggett.—Elected by the General Conference of 1866. Died in Richmond, Va., October 27, 1880, at the age of 70.

Holland Nimmons McTyeire.—Elected by the General Conference of 1866. Died February 15, 1889, at the age of 64.

John Christian Keener.—Elected by the General Conference of 1870. Died in New Orleans, January 19, 1906, at the age of 84.

Alpheus Water's Wilson.—Born February 5, 1834. Elected by the General Conference of 1882.

Linus Parker.—Elected by the General Conference of 1882. Died March 6, 1885, at the age of 55.

John Cowper Granbery.—Elected by the General Conference of 1882. Died April 1, 1907, at the age of 77.

Robert Kennon Hargrove.—Elected by the General Conference of 1882. Died in 1905.

William Wallace Duncan.—Born December 27, 1839. Elected by the General Conference of 1886.

Charles Betts Galloway.—Born September 15, 1849. Elected by the General Conference of 1886.

Eugene Russell Hendrix.—Born May 17, 1847. Elected by the General Conference of 1886.

Joseph Staunton Key.—Born July 18, 1829. Elected by the General Conference of 1886.

Atticus Greene Haygood.—Elected Bishop by the General Conference of 1890. Died in 1896.

Oscar Penn Fitzgerald.—Born April 24, 1829. Elected by the General Conference of 1890.

Warren Akin Candler.—Born August 23, 1857. Elected by the General Conference of 1898.

Henry Clay Morrison.—Born May 30, 1842. Elected Bishop by the General Conference of 1898.

Elijah Embree Hoss.—Born April 14, 1849. Elected Bishop by the General Conference of 1902.

Alexander Coke Smith.—Elected by the General Conference of 1902. Died at Asheville, N. C., December 27, 1906, at the age of 57.

John James Tigert.—Elected by the General Conference of 1906. Died November 21, 1906, at the age of 50.

Seth Ward.—Born November 1, 1858. Elected by the General Conference of 1906.

James Atkins.—Born April 18, 1850. Elected by the General Conference of 1906.

THE NEXT GENERAL CONFERENCE

The next General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will be held in May, 1910, in the city of Asheville, N. C. The Committee on General Conference Entertainment met in Nashville Wednesday, May 15th, and heard representatives from Asheville, New Orleans, Richmond, Kansas City, Atlanta, and Nashville; and after mature deliberation decided that Asheville had the strongest claim at this time for the next General Conference.

The Committee is composed of Major R. W. Millsaps, of Jackson, Miss.; Rev. B. F. Lipscomb, D. D., Petersburg, Va.; Rev. C. M. Bishop, D. D., Columbia, Mo.; Rev. J. O. Willson, D. D., Greenwood, S. C.; and Hon. J. M. Robinson, Meridian, Texas. There is every reason to believe that delegates to the next General Conference will be pleased with their entertainment. Asheville is located at the center of one of the most beautiful sections of America. Its altitude of twenty-three hundred and fifty feet gives a delightful and invigorating climate.

Asheville is one of the most famous winter and summer resorts in the South. It is a city of twenty-five thousand people. Its altitude, its scenery, and its many other attractions will make it a choice place for the members of the General Conference. It is a city of fine residences and magnificent hotels and the question of entertainment will carry with it no vexing questions.

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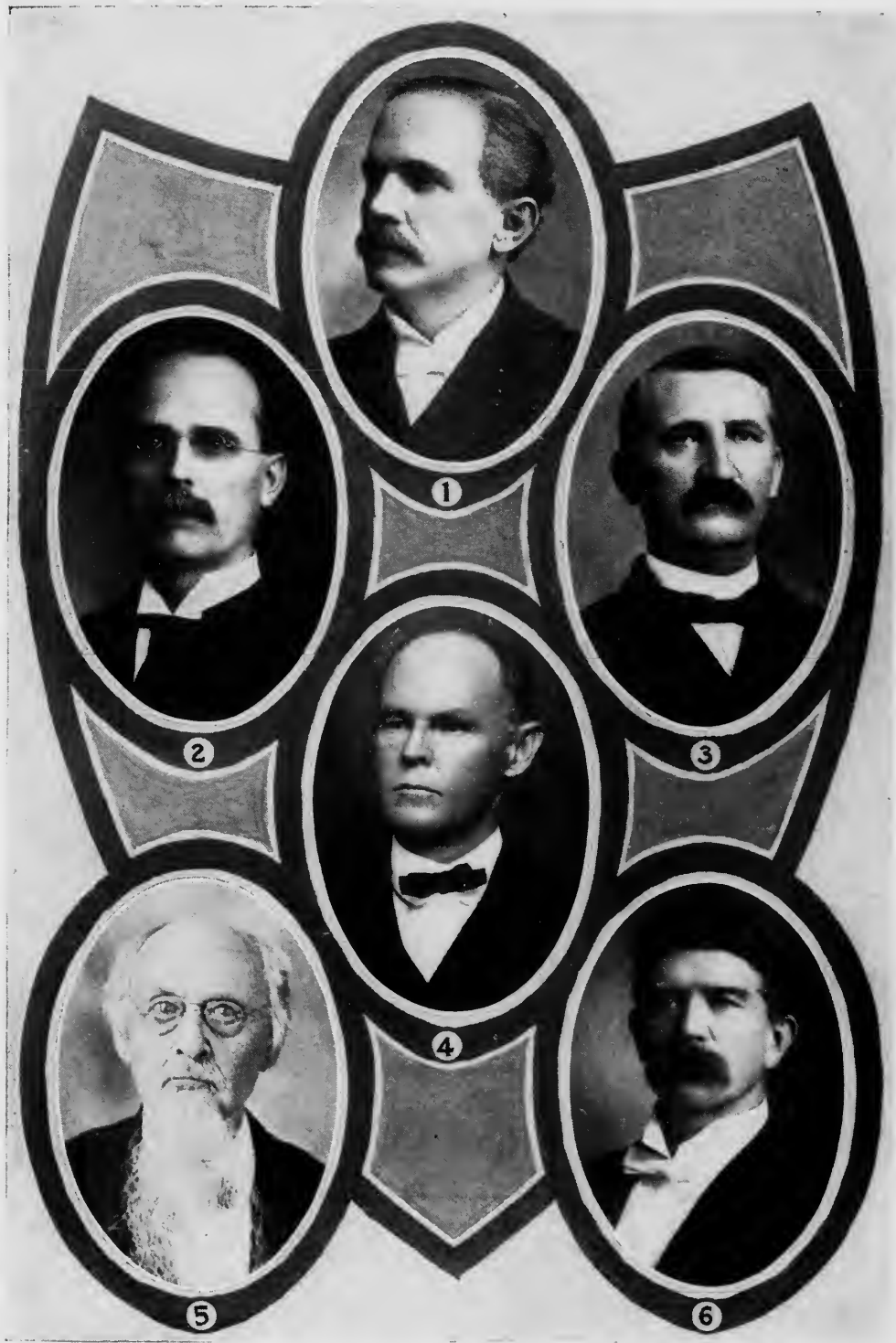
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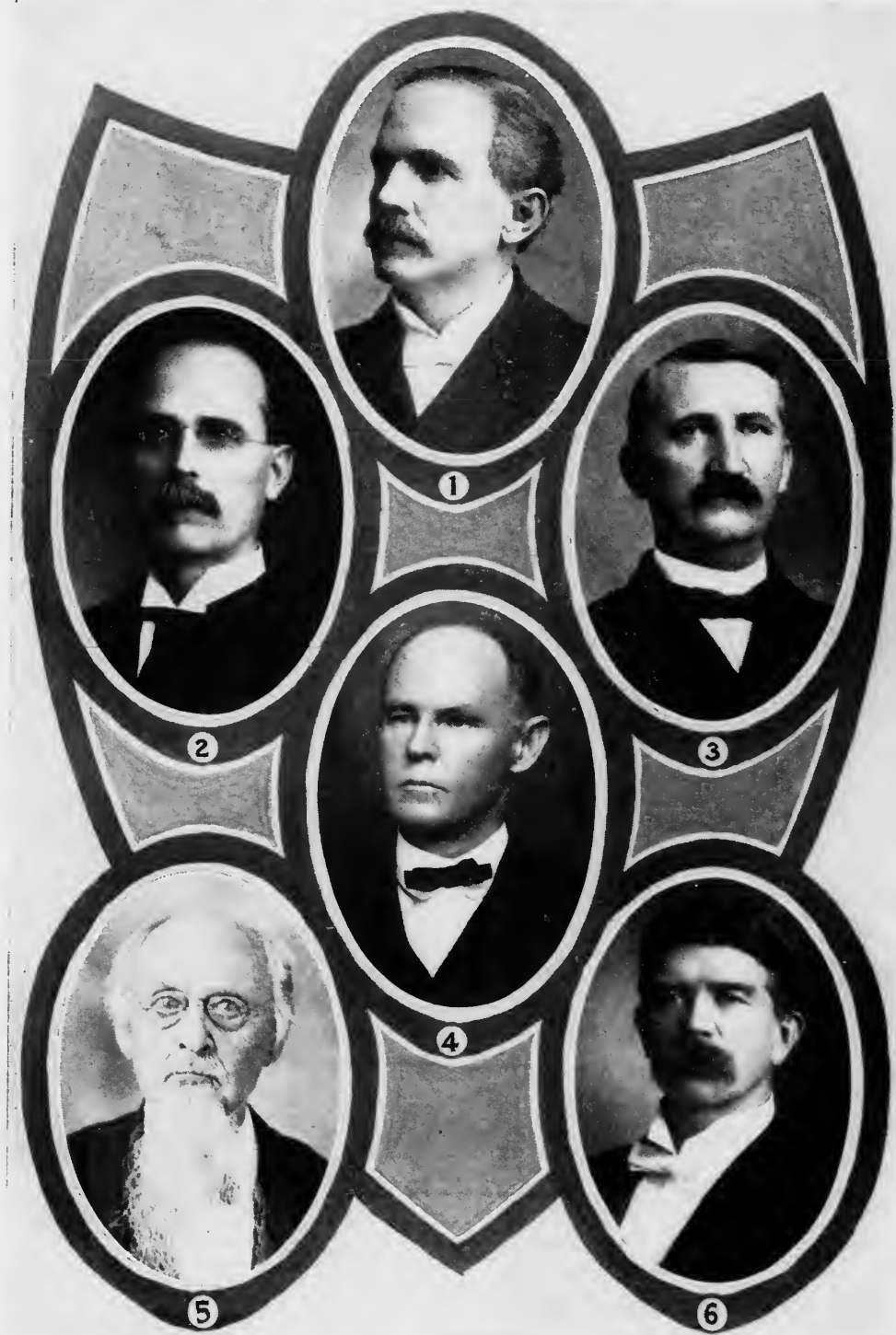
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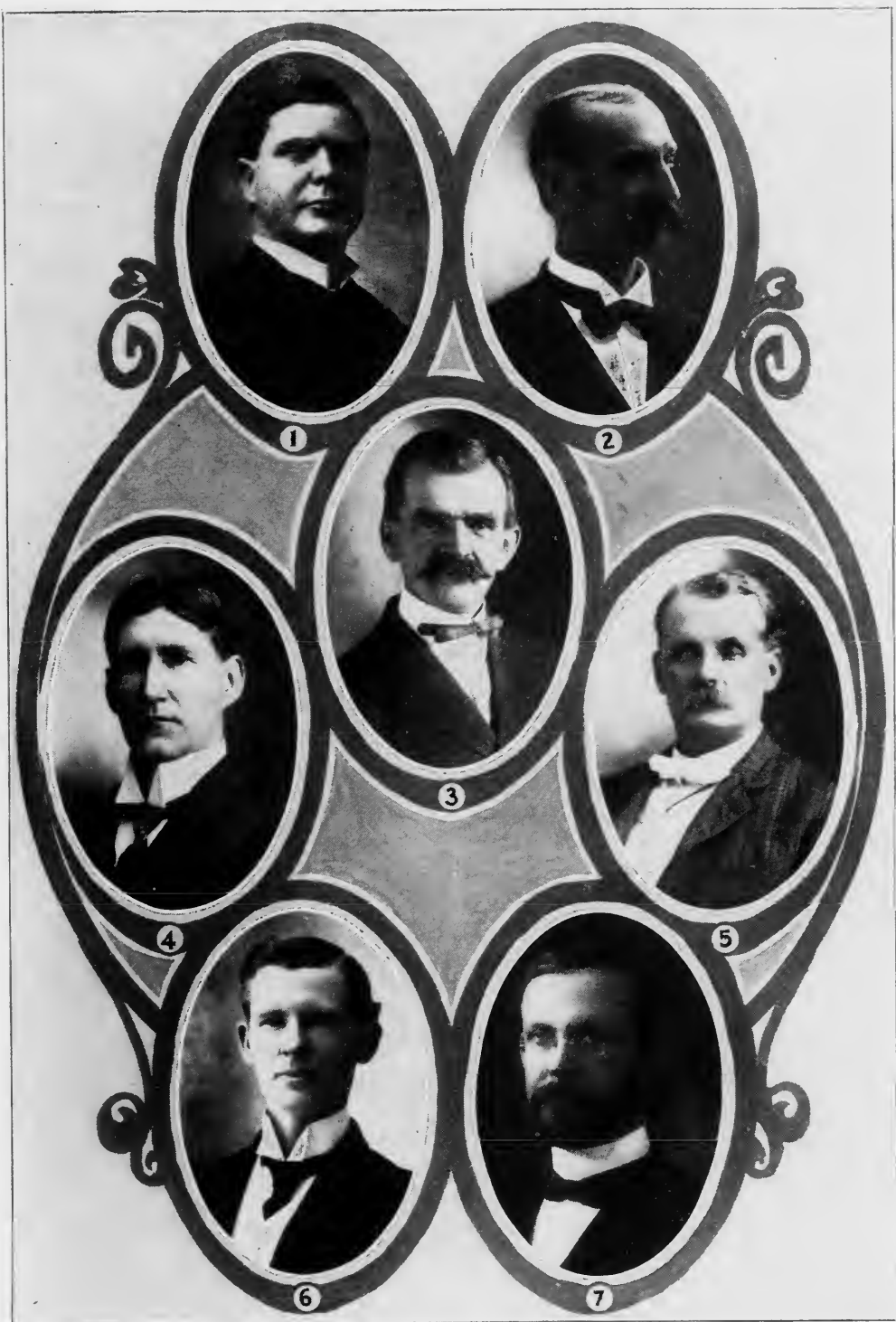


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FROM 1845 TO 1908

	(1845)	(1906)	(1907)
Bishops	5	12
Annual Conferences	16	46
Pastoral charges	1,002	5,574
Travelling preachers	1,474	.....	6,205
Local preachers	2,750	.....	4,768
Members	458,499	.....	1,705,635
Total preachers and members,	461,249	.....	1,711,840
Foreign Missions . . . . .	.....	.....	387,204
Domestic Missions	55,654	.....	270,572
Woman's Foreign Missions ..	.....	.....	183,438
Woman's Home Missions ....	.....	.....	464,491
For. missionaries Gen'l B'rd,	.....	.....	98
For. missionaries Wom. B'rd,	.....	.....	72
Church Extension . . . . .	.....	.....	124,175
Conference Claimants	17,845	.....	246,418
Education . . . . .	.....	124,923	.....
Educational institutions	13	.....	249
Baptisms, adult (1866)	33,485	65,206	.....
Baptisms, infant (1866)	14,739	27,900	.....
Sunday schools (1866)	3,585	14,892	.....
S. S. scholars (1866)	158,458	.....	1,137,842
Epworth Leagues . . . . .	.....	3,574	.....
Epworth League members . . .	.....	.....	129,115
Church edifices (1886)	10,251	15,542	.....
Value of ch. edifices (1886)	\$13,825,149	\$32,104,796	.....
Parsonages (1886)	2,030	4,543	.....
Value of parsonages (1886)	2,247,288	6,872,108	.....

RATIO OF INCREASE IN POPULATION AND MEMBERSHIP

Year.	Population.	Ratio of increase.	M. F. Ch. So.	Ratio of increase.
1845	20,080,679	...	465,723	...
1850	23,191,876	.15	520,256	.12
1860	31,489,561	.35	757,205	.45
1870	38,558,371	.22	586,518	d. 22
1880	50,155,783	.30	847,728	.44
1890	62,644,179	.24	1,218,561	.43
1900	84,233,069	.34	1,481,989	.21

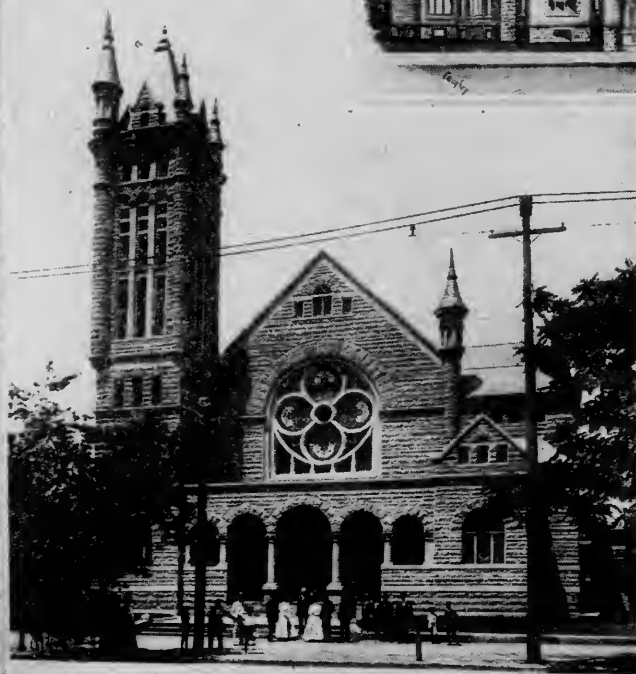
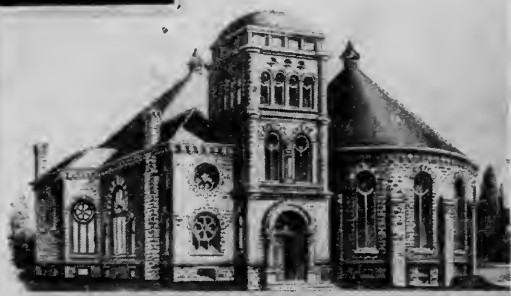
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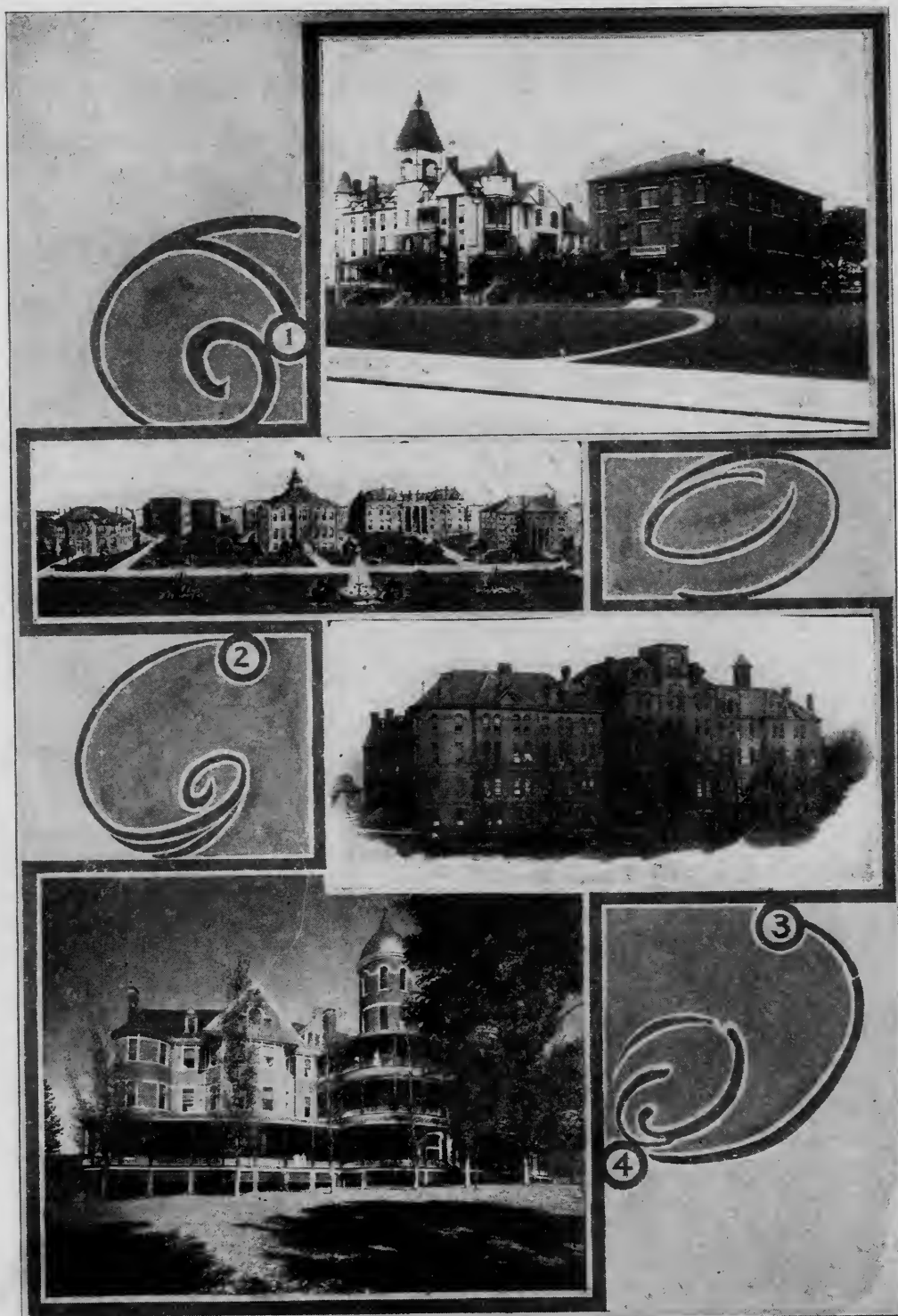
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DATES IN 1907 OF CONNECTIONAL INTEREST

January 9.—Conference of Secretaries and Representatives of Foreign Mission Board in Philadelphia.

January 22.—The Alabama Educational Commission meets in Birmingham.

January 22.—Conference of Secretaries and Representatives of the Annual Conference Board of Missions at Nashville.

January 24.—Anti-Saloon North Carolina Convention meets at Raleigh, N. C.

January 25.—Cuban Mission Conference held by Bishop Candler.

January 26.—Dedication of Page Memorial Library at Aberdeen, North Carolina.

January 31.—Mid-winter Institute opens in Nashville, Tenn.

February 3.—Dr. J. M. Boland dies at North Point Pleasant, West Virginia.

February 5.—Bishop A. W. Wilson celebrates his seventy-third birthday.

February 9.—Main building of Centenary College, Tenn., burned.

February 15.—Bible Study Institute at Trinity Park, Durham, North Carolina.

February 22.—Civic celebration at Trinity College, N. C.

February 26.—Rev. Washington Brinsfield, the oldest Methodist preacher in the world, dies at the age of 107 at his home at Huron, Arkansas.

March 4.—Bishop and Mrs. A. W. Wilson celebrate their golden wedding.

March 6.—Convention of laymen at Mooresville, N. C.

March 8.—Dr. W. R. Lambuth sails from San Francisco for China and Japan.

March 8.—President John C. Kilgo addresses the Trinity College Alumni Association in New York City.

March 8.—New Methodist College located at Maxton, N. C.

March 10.—Bishop Hendrix lectures at the University of Michigan.

March 15.—Gypsy Smith begins his meeting in Atlanta.

March 24.—Dr. W. W. Pinson, Assistant Missionary Secretary, begins a meeting at Raleigh, N. C.

March 25.—Dr. Jno. R. Brooks, author of "Scriptural Sanctification," dies at Wilson, N. C.

March 26.—Texas Methodist Sunday school Conference meets at Houston.

April 1.—Death of Bishop John C. Granbery at his home at Ashland, Va.

April 3.—Death of Dr. Paul Whitehead, of the Virginia Conference.

April 14.—National Arbitration and Peace Congress in New York City.

April 16.—Dean W. F. Tillett delivers the first of the Avera Bible Lectures at Trinity College.

April 16.—The National Baraca Convention meets in Wesley Memorial Church, Atlanta.

April 23.—General Board of Education meets in St. Louis.

April 25.—Centenary Missionary Conference meets in Shanghai.

May 8.—Mr. R. W. Perks, M. P., of the British Wesleyan Church, lands in New York.

May 8.—Meeting of the Book Committee in Nashville.

May 9.—Woman Board of Foreign Missions meets in Richmond, Virginia.

May 10.—Annual meeting of the Board of Church Extension.

May 13.—Meeting of the College of Bishops in Nashville.

May 17.—Annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South at Nashville.

May 18.—World's Fifth Sunday School Convention in Rome, Italy.

May 22.—General Conference of the Japanese Methodist Church at Tokio, Japan.

May 28.—Summer School of Theology of Southwestern University meets at Georgetown, Texas.

May 30.—Death of Young J. Allen at Shanghai, China.

June 1.—Bishop Yoitsu Honda elected first Bishop of the United Church of Japan.

• June 4.—Death of Col. Thomas D. Fite, of Nashville, Tenn.

June 5.—Bishop Hoss sails from New York for Brazil.

June 18.—Sunday School and Epworth League Summer School at Wrightsville.

June 19.—Vanderbilt Biblical Institute.

June 28.—Young People's Missionary Conference at Asheville.

July 9.—Opening of the South Brazil Mission Conference at Uru-gayana, Brazil.

July 10.—International Christian Endeavor Convention.

July 21.—International Sunday School Training School at Montegale.

July 31.—Opening of Brazil Mission Conference at Rio, Brazil.

August 15.—Opening of the Denver Conference at Walsenburg, Colorado.

August 25.—Unveiling of a tablet to Bishop Capers in Washington Street Church, Columbia, S. C.

August 27.—Meeting of Commission of Education at Old Point, Virginia.

August 28.—Opening of the Missouri Conference at Moberly, Mo.

September 1.—Death of Dr. John Mathews, the oldest preacher in point of service in Southern Methodism.

September 4.—Opening of the Western Virginia Conference at Cattleburg, Ky.

September 5.—Japan Mission Conference at Kobe, Japan.

September 11.—Opening of the Southwest Missouri Conference at Independence, Mo.

September 11.—Opening of the Kentucky Conference at Frankfort, Ky.

September 12.—Opening of the New Mexico Conference at Alamogordo, N. M.

September 12.—Opening of the Montana Conference at Corvallis, Montana.

September 16.—National Anti-Saloon Convention at Jamestown Exposition.

September 17.—Organization at Memphis, Tenn., of the Layman's Missionary Movement of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

September 18.—Opening of the Methodist Training School at Nashville, Tenn.

September 18.—Opening of the St. Louis Conference at West Plains, Mo.

September 18.—Opening of the East Columbia Conference at Dayton, Wash.

September 19.—Opening of the Korean Mission Conference at Seoul, Korea.

September 25.—Opening of the Louisville Conference at Columbia, Ky.

September 26.—Opening of the Illinois Conference at Odin, Ill.

October 2.—Opening of the China Mission Conference at Soochow, China.

October 2.—Opening of the Columbia Conference at Roseburg, Oregon.

October 7.—Semi-Centennial Exercises of Central College.

October 9.—Destruction of Millersburg Female College by fire.

October 9.—Opening of the Holston Conference at Bluefield, West Virginia.

October 9.—Opening of the Pacific Conference at Sacramento, California.

October 13.—Fiftieth Anniversary of the Fulton Street Prayer-meeting.

October 16.—Opening of the Tennessee Conference at Springfield, Tenn.

October 16.—Opening of the Los Angeles Conference at San Diego, Calif.

October 24.—Opening of the German Mission Conference at New Fountain, Texas.

October 30.—Opening of the West Texas Conference at Yoakum, Texas.

November 2.—Dedication of the Millsaps-Carnegie Library at Millsaps College.

November 6.—Opening of the Arkansas Conference at Bentonville, Ark.

November 6.—Opening of the Northwest Texas Conference at Amarillo, Texas.

November 13.—Opening of the Virginia Conference at Petersburg, W. Va.

November 13.—Opening of the Memphis Conference at Humbolt, Tennessee.

November 13.—Opening of the Oklahoma Conference at Oklahoma City, Okla.

November 13.—Opening of the Western North Carolina Conference at Salisbury, N. C.

November 15.—Convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union at Nashville, Tenn.

November 19.—Convention of the Wesley Brotherhood in Louisville, Ky.

November 20.—Opening of the North Texas Conference at Sherman, Texas.

November 20.—Opening of the North Georgia Conference at Cartersville, Ga.

November 27.—Opening of the North Alabama Conference at Tuscaloosa, Ala.

November 27.—Opening of the South Carolina Conference at Gaffney, S. C.

November 27.—Opening of the Texas Conference at Houston, Texas.

November 27.—Opening of the Little Rock Conference at Malvern, Ark.

November 27.—Opening of the South Georgia Conference at Brunswick, Ga.

November 28.—National Thanksgiving Day.

December 1.—Meeting of Interdenominational Movement at Charlotte, N. C.

December 3.—Laying of the corner-stone of the new McKendree Church at Nashville, Tenn.

December 4.—Opening of the North Carolina Conference at New Bern, N. C.

December 4.—Opening of the North Mississippi Conference at Columbus, Miss.

December 4.—Opening of the Alabama Conference at Enterprise, Alabama.

December 4.—Opening of the Louisiana Conference at Ruston, Louisiana.

December 11.—Opening of the Mississippi Conference at Jackson, Mississippi.

December 12.—Opening of the Florida Conference at Tampa, Fla.

December 12.—Opening of the White River Conference at Corn-
ing, Ark.

December 13.—Death of Col. Arthur St. Clair Colyar at Nashville, Tenn.

December 27.—Ex-Governor E. E. Jackson, of Maryland, dies in Baltimore.

December 27.—Wilbur F. Barclay dies in Louisville, Ky.

NUMERICAL TABLE.

From January 1, 1907, to January 1, 1908.

* Figures marked by a star are for 1906.

	Members Including Local Preachers	Traveling Preachers not Including Supplies	Local Preachers Including Supplies	Sunday School Scholars	Epworth League Members
Alabama	61,379	194	151	37,473	4,245
Arkansas	27,223	98	152	19,793	2,033
Baltimore	56,238	233	105	46,297	9,621
Brazil Mission . . .	*5,172	*39	*10	*2,940	*1,751
Central Mexico . . .	2,953	22	21	1,796	521
China Mission . . .	*3,241	*60	*21	3,985	892
Columbia	*1,630	*13	*11	*1,025	*253
Cuban Mission . . .	2,291	22	11	1,638	662
Denver	1,832	16	7	1,697	570
East Columbia . . .	1,830	25	21	2,240	613
Florida	27,330	153	99	18,010	3,816
German Mission . .	1,682	17	17	1,424	298
Holston	61,830	256	211	58,321	5,591
Illinois	7,701	34	50	6,621	786
Oklahoma	42,449	223	333	31,401	4,754
Korean Mission . . .	*1,225	*13	*1	*1,412	.....
Kentucky	28,267	124	86	15,686	1,590
Little Rock	37,302	125	117	32,726	3,006
Los Angeles	3,662	32	29	3,763	1,022
Louisiana	32,581	156	63	21,253	2,193
Louisville	51,383	184	158	28,466	3,063
Memphis	65,740	199	157	38,443	1,403
Mexican Border . . .	2,160	25	14	1,904	521
Mississippi	50,612	169	123	25,193	2,780
Missouri	47,373	222	107	30,509	7,065
Montana	1,030	21	6	1,407	346
New Mexico	3,701	31	35	3,240	695
North Alabama . . .	77,594	252	275	46,379	2,946
North Carolina . . .	73,988	201	108	54,542	2,127
North Georgia . . .	106,581	215	276	60,404	*3,282
North Mississippi . .	50,867	171	84	22,979	1,883
North Texas	52,016	194	126	37,026	4,798
N. W. Mex. Mis... .	1,282	16	23	1,384	515
N. W. Texas	89,762	317	*363	60,944	9,920
Pacific	7,284	67	41	6,990	1,910
St. Louis	32,550	137	104	28,392	4,989
South Carolina . . .	85,161	229	77	44,612	1,701
South Georgia	75,611	*239	181	40,872	5,731
S. W. Missouri	35,268	166	87	24,985	5,261
Tennessee	64,136	236	183	39,177	3,363
Texas	59,140	207	168	35,243	4,469
Virginia	101,807	293	92	68,201	4,195
West Texas	28,295	136	84	21,288	3,960
W. North Carolina, .	85,072	228	140	62,492	3,484
Western Virginia . .	23,572	100	122	22,764	2,480
White River	27,057	95	118	20,505	2,011
This year	1,705,635	6,205	4,768	1,137,842	129,115
Last year	1,667,394	5,980	4,822	1,083,665	123,629
Net gain	38,241	225	.....	54,177	5,486
Net loss . . . . .	.....	.....	54	.....	.....

MISSIONS—JAN. 1, 1907--JAN. 1, 1908.

* Figures marked by a star are for 1906.

	Foreign	Domestic	Church Ex- tension	Woman's F. M. S.	Woman's H. M. S.	Specials	Total For Missions	Average Pd. per Member for Missions
Alabama	\$14,655	\$8,041	\$5,255	\$5,141	\$11,374	..\$.....	\$44,468	\$.72
Arkansas	6,000	3,350	1,658	2,558	4,345	.....	17,911	.65
Baltimore	13,345	11,067	3,962	5,453	8,959	.....	42,787	.76
Brazil Mission	52	1,323	271	.....	*2,399	.....	4,047	.78
Central Mexico . . . . .	.....	1,321	176	.....	.....	.....	1,497	.50
China Mission . . . . .	.....	235	1,718	.....	.....	.....	1,953	.60
Columbia	*368	*400	*164	.....	*747	.....	1,679	1.03
Cuban Mission . . . . .	.....	1,791	398	.....	.....	.....	2,189	.95
Denver	468	282	210	52	2,230	302	3,546	1.99
East Columbia	526	299	172	.....	1,759	33	2,791	1.52
Florida	4,785	6,195	2,623	.....	.....	.....	13,604	.49
German Mission	814	846	142	.....	89	.....	1,892	1.12
Holston	12,689	13,007	4,501	4,241	21,742	.....	56,180	.90
Illinois	338	207	283	.....	422	.....	1,251	.16
Oklahoma	5,499	5,638	2,791	924	29,488	.....	44,343	1.04
Korea . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kentucky	7,100	4,411	2,043	4,512	5,294	.....	23,361	.82
Little Rock	6,983	4,588	2,591	*3,695	*13,572	.....	31,431	.84
Los Angeles	1,171	1,299	478	1,855	4,805	.....	9,610	2.62
Louisiana	5,948	5,546	2,042	4,062	12,446	.....	30,044	.92
Louisville	9,352	6,769	2,813	6,231	7,672	3,110	35,951	.69
Memphis	13,376	6,448	4,443	8,277	13,290	.....	45,836	.69
Mexican Border	927	.....	185	.....	.....	.....	1,112	.51
Mississippi	10,360	10,094	3,810	3,871	14,101	.....	42,239	.83
Missouri	12,520	7,999	4,035	4,125	9,451	2,795	40,929	.86
Montana	462	462	200	.....	1,350	.....	2,474	2.40
New Mexico	652	809	402	123	6,411	.....	8,398	2.26

North Alabama	14,490	7,069	4,347	4,166	14,378	1,652	46,104	.59
North Carolina	15,654	12,130	5,817	8,115	8,214	.....	49,931	.67
North Georgia	26,277	17,067	6,836	18,487	31,072	.....	99,740	.93
North Mississippi	9,269	4,882	3,264	3,583	15,680	.....	36,679	.72
North Texas	10,622	5,983	3,330	*3,240	*27,037	.....	50,123	.96
Northwest Mexican Mission	1,478		196	.....	.....	.....	1,674	1.30
Northwest Texas	14,429	16,862	7,788	*4,738	*40,933	.....	84,753	.94
Pacific	2,451	1,548	1,169	611	8,396	.....	14,177	1.94
St. Louis	7,528	4,534	2,749	3,289	19,089	9,841	47,032	1.44
South Carolina	21,838	16,454	5,887	12,230	3,703	.....	60,113	.70
South Georgia	34,652	18,106	6,160	25,418	23,296	7,698	115,331	1.52
Southwest Missouri	8,159	6,691	2,860	5,830	14,178	.....	37,720	1.06
Tennessee	15,599	9,025	5,105	6,791	12,048	.....	48,570	.75
Texas	10,387	10,511	4,709	*2,910	27,713	.....	*56,232	.95
Virginia	34,315	13,473	6,801	12,604	8,172	.....	75,368	.74
West Texas	6,108	8,753	2,300	2,566	16,827	.....	36,555	1.29
Western North Carolina ...	20,146	11,439	4,770	10,431	6,956	.....	53,744	.63
Western Virginia	1,360	2,106	1,133	1,551	3,900	.....	10,052	.42
White River	4,035	1,585	1,569	1,753	10,929	.....	19,873	.73
1907	\$387,204	\$270,572	\$124,175	\$183,438	\$464,491	\$25,434	\$1,455,316	\$.85
1906			113,080	154,880	338,841		1,246,236	
Gain			11,095	28,558	125,650		209,080	

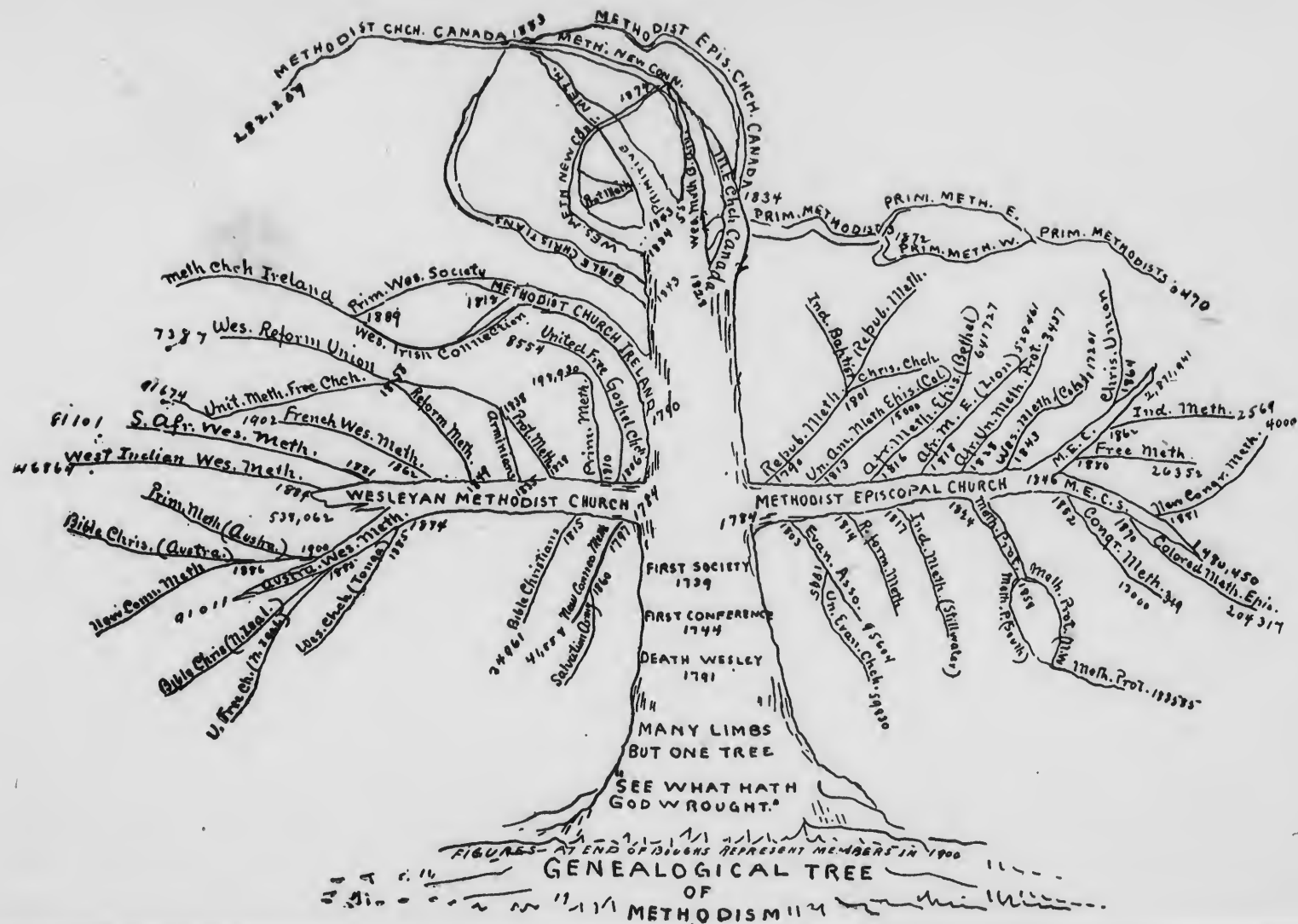
Total for Foreign and Domestic Missions, including Specials, for 1907, \$683,210; for 1906, \$639,434. Gain, \$43,776.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT—JAN. 1, 1907 TO JAN. 1, 1908.

*Figures marked by star are for 1906.

	Bishop	Presiding Elders	Preachers in Charge	Conference Claimants	Total Pd. for Support of Ministry	Av. Pd. per Member for Ministerial Support
Alabama	\$2,410	\$23,878	\$125,941	\$12,084	\$164,315	\$2.67
Arkansas	835	7,307	40,995	3,381	52,519	2.29
Baltimore	2,447	12,788	124,419	16,871	156,525	2.77
Brazil	42	517	8,705	454	9,719	1.87
Central Mexico	46	.....	3,006	54	3,107	1.05
China	19	.....	3,474	97	3,591	1.10
Columbia	*57	*470	*4,271	*271	5,070	3.11
Cuban Mission . . . . .	.....	.....	917	.....	917	.40
Denver	85	662	7,045	219	8,012	4.31
East Columbia	100	913	8,869	179	10,062	5.49
Florida	1,110	10,990	87,086	5,326	104,514	3.82
German Mission	66	424	4,958	311	5,761	3.42
Holston	2,299	16,805	110,453	7,128	136,685	2.21
Illinois	195	1,661	12,565	371	14,793	1.92
Oklahoma	997	15,342	106,420	3,401	126,162	2.97
Korean Mission . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kentucky	1,081	8,325	68,427	3,336	81,169	2.85
Little Rock	1,467	13,679	78,827	7,323	101,297	2.71
Los Angeles	165	2,091	17,410	1,380	21,046	5.74
Louisiana	1,067	14,179	94,377	5,628	115,251	3.67
Louisville	1,569	11,713	88,044	4,164	105,492	2.05
Memphis	2,572	13,376	116,709	8,680	141,339	2.15
Mexican Border	39	.....	2,799	314	3,153	1.45
Mississippi	1,927	13,983	113,619	8,086	137,617	2.71
Missouri	2,225	13,041	109,169	6,110	130,546	2.75
Montana	84	748	5,791	221	6,844	6.64

New Mexico	112	2,137	16,149	390	18,789	5.07
North Alabama	2,246	21,103	135,205	8,170	166,726	2.14
North Carolina	2,762	16,044	129,678	6,416	154,991	2.09
North Georgia	4,273	27,745	173,234	21,203	226,457	2.12
North Mississippi	1,897	12,867	101,887	9,269	125,922	2.47
North Texas	1,910	17,186	105,859	6,147	131,103	2.52
Northwest Mexican Mission	53	.....	1,845	119	2,017	1.57
Northwest Texas	3,182	32,314	214,169	13,875	263,542	2.93
Pacific	461	4,717	39,390	1,961	46,532	6.38
St. Louis	1,385	10,949	81,465	4,555	98,356	3.02
South Carolina	3,069	22,082	174,961	10,448	210,561	2.47
South Georgia	2,980	21,037	165,975	10,774	203,816	2.69
Southwest Missouri	1,557	11,535	91,518	6,488	111,100	3.15
Tennessee	2,892	13,733	107,818	7,420	131,505	2.05
Texas	2,328	19,038	129,554	7,871	158,792	2.68
Virginia	3,681	20,273	222,633	15,162	261,750	2.57
West Texas	1,275	11,590	80,866	5,251	98,984	3.49
Western North Carolina	2,774	15,878	130,411	8,768	157,832	1.83
Western Virginia	658	6,228	50,353	1,526	58,767	2.48
White River	*786	7,013	49,984	2,150	59,934	2.21
	\$63,101	\$476,377	\$3,547,262	\$246,418	\$4,332,998	\$2.84
Total for Bishops, P. E.'s and P. C.'s		\$4,086,740		224,729	4,023,004	
Last year		3,798,225				
Net gain		\$288,515		\$21,689	\$309,994	



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Number of ministers in active work, 1,340; General Conference officers and professors in colleges, 60; superannuated and supernumerary ministers, 363; evangelists, 7; left without station, 51; total, 1,821. Probationers in active work, 204; at college, 269; without station, 10; total, 483. Grand total, 2,304; increase, 105.

Local preachers, 2,517; exhorters, 1,190; class leaders, 5,369; Stewards, 10,551; Sunday schools, 3,574; increase, 22; officers and teachers, 34,479; decrease, 79; scholars, 290,835; increase, 6,813; Home Department, 14,466; increase, 171; Cradle Roll, 12,674; increase, 2,958; contributions of schools for missions, \$34,159; increase, \$4,483; Young People's Societies, 1,891; increase, 27; members, 75,227; contributions for Forward Missionary Movement, \$47,562; increase, \$5,037. The number of churches and value of all church property is tabulated only once in four years. The following is as reported for the General Conference of 1906; churches and other places of worship, 4, 738; parsonages, 1,322; colleges and other educational institutions, 22; value, \$2,756,268; total value of all church property, \$21,223,727.

OTHER METHODISMS IN THE UNITED STATES.

DENOMINATIONS	Ministers	Churches	Communi- cants
1. Union American Meth. Episcopal..	138	255	18,500
2. African Meth. Episcopal	6,190	5,321	842,023
3. African Union Meth. Prot.	150	96	3,867
4. African Meth. Epis. Zion	3,871	3,206	573,107
5. Methodist Protestant	1,551	2,242	183,894
6. Wesleyan Methodist	539	609	18,587
7. Methodist Episcopal, South	6,774	16,156	1,631,379
8. Congregational Methodist	415	425	24,000
9. Congregational Meth. (colored) ..	5	5	319
10. New Congregational Methodist ...	238	417	4,022
11. Zion Union Apostolic	30	32	2,346
12. Colored Methodist Episcopal	2,673	2,619	219,739
13. Primitive	83	110	6,888
14. Free Methodist	1,032	1,106	31,376
15. Independent Methodist	8	15	2,569
16. Evangelist Missionary	92	47	5,014
Total (16 denominations)	23,789	32,661	3,567,630
Add Methodist Episcopal	17,694	27,691	2,984,261
Grand total Methodist	41,483	60,352	6,551,891

METHODISMS IN THE OLD WORLD.

DENOMINATIONS	Ministers	Lay Preachers	Church Members and Proba
Wesleyan Methodists:			
Great Britain	2,445	19,672	539,146
Ireland	249	601	29,198
Foreign Missions	654	4,309	134,131
French Conference	43	77	1,685
South African (English)	138	319	9,925
South African (native)	96	4,740	95,567
Methodist New Connection (home) ..	204	1,123	41,875
Methodist New Connection (foreign) ..	11	165	4,466
Primitive Methodist (home)	1,115	16,007	206,630
Primitive Methodist (foreign)	54	252	5,018
Bible Christians (home)	206	1,515	32,737
Bible Christians (foreign)	17	5	4,994
Wesleyan Reform Union	17	530	8,689
United Meth. Free Churches (home) ..	438	2,983	84,464
United Meth. Free Churches (foreign) ..	30	460	18,739
Independent Methodist Churches	399	.....	9,614
Australasia Methodist Church	959	4,441	144,875

OTHER CHURCHES IN THE UNITED STATES.

DEFOMINATIONS	SUMMARY FOR 1906		
	Ministers	Churches	Communi- cants
Adventist (6 bodies)	1,565	2,499	95,437
Baptists (14 bodies)	38,010	54,566	5,140,770
Brethren (River) (3 bodies)	173	98	4,239
Brethren (Plymouth) (4 bodies) .....	.....	314	6,661
Buddhist (Chinese) .....	.....	47	.....
Buddhist and Shintoist (Japanese) .....	.....	9	.....
Catholics (9 bodies)	15,269	12,449	11,143,455
Catholic Apostolic	95	10	1,491
Christadelphians .....	.....	63	1,277
Christian Connection	1,348	1,340	101,597
Christian Catholic (Dowie)	104	110	40,000
Christian Scientists	1,326	663	80,197
Christian Union	201	268	17,500
Church of God (Winebrennarian) ..	499	590	41,475
Church of the New Jerusalem	128	139	8,084
Communitic Societies (6 bodies) ..	.....	22	3,084
Congregationalists	5,959	5,943	694,923
Disciples of Christ	7,153	11,110	1,264,758
Dunkards (4 bodies)	3,241	1,100	121,194
Evangelical (2 bodies)	1,508	2,730	179,339
Friends (4 bodies)	1,466	1,075	118,752
Friends of the Temple	4	4	340
German Evangelical Protestant	100	155	20,000
German Evangelical Synod	964	1,227	228,420
Jews (2 bodies)	301	570	143,000
Latter-Day Saints (2 bodies)	1,652	1,328	396,354
Lutherans (23 bodies)	7,872	13,919	1,957,433
Swedish Evangelical Mis. Covenant	345	351	46,000
Mennonites (12 bodies)	1,240	701	61,690
Methodists (17 bodies)	41,483	60,352	6,551,891
Moravians	130	119	16,923
Presbyterians (12 bodies)	12,705	15,922	1,771,877
Protestant Episcopal (2 bodies)	5,258	7,567	846,492
Reformed (3 bodies)	2,044	2,563	422,359
Salvation Army	3,773	983	28,500
Schwenkfeldians	5	8	731
Social Brethren	17	20	913
Society for Ethical Culture .....	.....	5	1,700
Spiritualists .....	.....	748	295,000
Theosophical Society .....	.....	72	2,607
United Brethren (2 bodies)	2,247	4,351	286,238
Unitarians	544	464	71,000
Universalists	720	977	55,831
Independent Congregations	54	156	14,126
Grand total in 1906	159,503	207,707	32,283,658
Grand total in 1905	155,203	204,072	31,413,269

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF JAPAN.

The General Conference of the Methodist Church of Japan was held May 22 to June 6, 1907, in Tokyo. It was composed of about sixty delegates, clerical and lay, duly elected representatives of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Church of Canada.

This body reached a final adjournment in great harmony and good feeling on Thursday, June 6th. A most cordial paper concerning the relation of missionaries to the new Church was adopted. The farewell blessings spoken by the commissioners as representing the three "Mother" Churches produced much feeling. The new kantoku or General Superintendent on assuming his duties spoke wisely and humbly on the yoke of Christ.

The seventeen articles of religion, as prepared by the commissioners, were agreed to, and an additional one on civil government was prepared and adopted in the following terms: "Article XVI of the civil government: Believing that the powers that be are ordained of God, as taught in the Holy Scriptures, we reverence the Emperor, of one ancient and unbroken lineage, who is the rightful sovereign of the empire of Japan, respect the constitution, and observe the laws."

The relations of the missionaries still remaining in Japan were defined in the paper quoted below. Bishop Cranston wisely counseled the missionaries to refrain from participating in actions affecting the ministerial character of Japanese preachers. The terms of this agreement, as will at once be seen, are exceptionally liberal.

"Resolved, That every missionary regularly appointed by the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, or the Methodist Church of Canada, to work in co-operating with the Methodist Church of Japan, as contemplated in the Basis of Union adopted by the commissioners of said churches, shall by virtue of such appointment be entitled to all the rights and privileges of actual membership in the Annual Conference where his service is being rendered, so long as his administration and conduct conform to our Discipline.

"Every such missionary who may in writing elect to serve in this relation shall be subject to the assignment and direction of the

missionary authorities of the Church by which he is supported, in consultation with the Kantoku.

In the event of his non-conformity to the Discipline, the Kantoku shall in writing so advise the missionary authorities of the Church to which such missionary is responsible; and the course to be pursued shall then be determined by consultation between the Kantoku and said missionary authorities.

(Signed)

Y. HIRAIWA, U. SASAMORI.



THE OLD KILLIAN HOUSE, NEAR ASHEVILLE, N. C.,
Where Bishop Asbury frequently stopped.



SCENE ON THE FRENCH BROAD, NEAR ASHEVILLE, N. C.

BIOGRAPHY

OUR LIVING AND DEAD

"God, when He reached down a creating hand and swept a larger circle than a continent, broader than an age, and vast as the eternal sphere, said, 'Let it be called man.'"—*Henry Ward Beecher*.

ABEL McKEE CHREITZBERG.

Born December 17, 1820, at Charleston, S. C. Son of George and Elizabeth Chreitzberg. Attended Wilbraham Academy in 1832 and 1833; also Cokesbury Academy in 1833. Bishop J. C. Keener and Rev. Leo. Rosser, D. D., were among his class-mates. While at Wilbraham Academy he was converted in a great camp-meeting in which there were over three hundred professions. He was licensed to preach at Cokesbury Academy in 1838, and in January, 1839, he joined the South Carolina Conference. He was married December 29, 1839, to Miss Anna E. Manno. His first wife dying, he was married to Hattie E. Kilgore, June 18, 1873. He has been connected with the South Carolina Conference for sixty-nine years. He has been on districts 23 years, on stations, 10 years; on circuits, 19 years; on missions, 2 years; the remainder of his ministerial life, he has been in the superannuated relation. He filled the following appointments: 1839, Cokesbury Circuit; 1840, Great Pedee Circuit; 1841, Orangeburg Circuit; 1842, Cooper River Circuit; 1843, Beaufort Mission; 1844, Chesterfield Circuit; 1845, 1846, Barnwell Circuit; 1847-'8, Wilmington Station; 1849-'50, Georgetown Station; 1851-'2, Black Swamp Circuit; 1853, Walterboro Circuit; 1854, Barnwell Circuit; 1855, Black River Mission; 1856, Anderson Circuit; 1857, Cokesbury Circuit; 1858-'61, P. E. of Marion District; 1862, Bethel Station; 1863, St. George's Circuit; 1864, Orangeburg Circuit; 1865-'67, P. E. Orangeburg District; 1868-'71, P. E. Charleston District; 1872, Bethel Station; 1873, Darlington Station; 1874-'7, P. E. Sumpter District; 1878, Newberry Station; 1879, Washington Street Station; 1880-'3, P. E. Columbia District; 1884-'85, Batesburg Circuit; 1886, St. George's Circuit; 1887, St. Matthews Circuit; 1888-1891, P. E. Chester District; 1892, Cumberland Station; 1893, took the superannuate rela-

tion. Fifty-four years in active service. He received the degree of D. D. from Wofford College in 1890. He is the oldest living member of the South Carolina Society of Charleston, established in 1736. He is the author of *Early Methodism in the Carolinas*. His present place of residence is Columbia, S. C.

BERNARD FARRAR LIPSCOMB.

Born February 16, 1851, in Richmond, Va. Son of Cornelius B. and Pocahontas Farrar Lipscomb. He was converted in Trinity Church, Richmond, in 1866, under the ministry of Dr. John E. Edwards. He was licensed to preach in 1874. He joined the Virginia Conference in 1876. He has served the following appointments: 1876-'80, Queen Street, Norfolk; 1880-'83, Salisbury, Md.; 1883-'85, Norfolk Circuit; 1885-'89, Chestnut Street, Berkeley; 1889-'93, Charlottesville; 1893-'97, Mt. Vernon, Danville; 1897-'99, Washington Avenue, Newport News; 1899-1902, Washington Street, Petersburg; 1902-'3, Secretary-Treasurer of Randolph-Macon College; 1903-'07, P. E. of Petersburg District. He was married December 12, 1877, to Miss Sallie Wright. He received the degree of D. D. from Randolph-Macon College, which institution he attended. He was a member of the General Conference of 1902 and 1906.

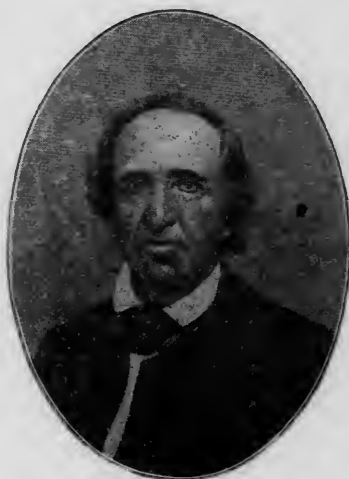
JOHN OWENS WILLSON.

Born January 27, 1845, near Charleston, S. C. Son of Dr. John Willson and Sarah Ann Elizabeth Owens Willson. He received his education at King's Mountain Military Academy and the South Carolina Military Academy. Left school in 1862 to enter the Confederate Army. He was converted at Marion, S. C., in 1873. Was licensed to exhort in May, 1873. Was licensed to preach in September, 1873. Joined the South Carolina Conference in December, 1873. The following represent the charges served by him: 1874, 1875-'6-'7, Darlington Station; 1878-'9-'80, Camden Station; 1881-'2-'3, Greenville Station; 1884-'5-'6-'7, Trinity, Charleston; 1888-'9, Greenville Station; 1890, Florence District; 1891-'2-'3-'4, Greenville District; 1895-'6-'7-'8-'9, 1900-'01, Editor *Southern Christian Advocate*; 1902, Abbeville Station; 1903-'4, Cokebury District; 1905 till present, President Lander College. He was married August 27, 1896, to Miss Kathleen Lander. Received the degree of D. D. from Wofford College in 1896. Was a member of the Ecumenical Con-

ference in London in 1901. Has been a member of the Sunday School Board in 1895. Was a member of the Joint Commission on Catechism and Order of Worship. He is the author of the catechism used by the S. S. Department. He was made a member of the Commission on Education in 1906. He was a member of the General Conference of 1890, 1894, 1898, 1902 and 1906. He is an active member of the A. F. & A. M., having taken seven degrees. From 1866 to 1873, he practiced law at Kingstree and Marion. His present residence is Greenwood, S. C.



Bishop Robert Paine.



Bishop James O. Andrew.

EDWIN ASBURY YATES.

Son of James and Elizabeth De Roche Yates. Born April 9, 1829. He was licensed to preach in 1890 at Charlotte, then in the bounds of the South Carolina Conference. In the same year he joined the North Carolina Conference at Salisbury. He has served the following charges: 1861, Morehead City; 1862-'3, Duplin Circuit; 1864, Tarboro Circuit; 1865, Elizabeth Circuit; 1866, Goldsboro and Wilson; 1867, Goldsboro; 1868, Statesville; 1869-'72, P. E. of the New Bern District; 1873, P. E. of the Fayetteville District; 1874-'77, P. E. of the New Bern District; 1878-'81, Front Street, Wilmington; 1882-'3, Edenton Street, Raleigh; 1884-'7, Front Street, Wilmington; 1888-'91, Trinity, Durham; 1892-'95, P. E. of the Durham District; 1896-'99, P. E. of the Raleigh District; 1900-'01, P. E. of the Durham District; since 1902, Lecturer in Biblical Theology at Trinity College. He was married in 1863

to Miss Laura Ramsey. He received the honorary degree of D. D. from Trinity College. He has been a member of several General Conferences. He attended no college, but by his own efforts made himself a highly educated man. His review, magazine, and newspaper articles have attracted wide attention. His present residence is Durham, N. C.

THOMAS SMITH WADE.

Thomas Smith Wade was born in Highland County, Va., August 5, 1838. Son of Leonard C. and Sarah Wade. He was converted and joined the church December, 1855, in Parkersburg (now) West Virginia. He received his education in common schools, and mostly in the Methodist itinerancy. He was licensed to preach August, 1858, and on the 15th of September following was admitted on trial in the Western Virginia Conference. He was on his third circuit when the war in 1861 swept over his Conference and drove the preachers from the field. He went with his people and served as chaplain of the Nineteenth Virginia Cavalry Regiment in the Confederate Army. After the close of the war he returned to his home and was present at the called session of his Conference, which met to reorganize in Greenup, Ky., in February, 1866. In 1871 he was married to Miss Ella Hursey, of Clarksburg, W. Va. He served as pastor up to 1871, and was then appointed P. E., and since that time has served twenty years in that office, and the rest of his forty-nine years in the ministry he has been in regular pastoral service. He was first elected to the General Conference in 1874, and has been seven times a delegate to that body. He was twice a delegate to the Ecumenical Conference and was present at the one held in Washington, D. C., in 1891. He also attended as a delegate the Inter-Church Conference on Federation, held in New York, November, 1905. In 1882 he was elected a member of the Book Committee, and was continued on that committee twelve years. In 1888 he founded the Morris Harvey College at Barboursville, W. Va., and was its successful President for two years in connection with active service as presiding elder. In 1896 he helped to establish the *Western Virginia Advocate*, to which he has sustained the relation of editor for ten years in connection with his regular service on districts and on stations. He is now in his fiftieth year on the effective list, and is serving this year as Conference Missionary Secretary and Sunday School Agent. His present place of residence is Clarksburg, W. Va.

SAMUEL AUGUSTUS STEEL.

Born at Grenada, Miss., October 5, 1849. Son of Rev. Ferdinand L. and Mrs. Amanda F. Steel. He attended Andrew College, Trenton, Tenn., for a few months and Emory and Henry College for two years. While an undergraduate of this institution he was elected to the Chaplaincy of the University of Virginia. He received his A. M. degree from Emory and Henry College, and the honorary degree of D. D. from Emory College. He was licensed to preach at Hines Chapel, Miss., in 1867. In 1875, he joined the Virginia Conference at Danville, Va. The following is the list of charges served by him: 1869-'70, supply at Hickman, Ky.; 1871-'2, supply at Abingdon, Va.; 1873-'5, Chaplain at the University of Virginia; 1875-'8, Broad Street, Richmond; 1878-'82, First Church, Columbus, Miss.; 1882-'6, First Church, Memphis; 1886-'8, Walnut Street, Louisville, Ky.; 1888-'9, Walnut Street, Kansas City; 1889-'93, McKendree, Nashville; 1893-'4, West End, Nashville; 1894-'8, General Secretary Epworth League and Editor of *Epworth Era*; 1898-1900, left without work; 1900-'1, Centenary Church, Richmond; 1902-'2, Market Street, Petersburg; 1902-'3, Church, Richmond; 1901-'2, Market Street, Petersburg; 1902-'3, President Logan Female College, Ky.; 1904, located; 1906, readmitted and stationed at Brownwood, Texas. He was twice married: first, in 1874, to Miss Mary S. Burns; again in 1893 to Miss Ella Battle Brevard. He is the author of the following books: "On the Wing," "On the Road," "En Route." He is in great demand as a lecturer. In 1888, he was sent as Fraternal Delegate to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in New York City. He was a member of the General Conference of 1882.

WILLIAM BENJAMIN BEAUCHAMP.

Born in Richmond County, Va., March 16, 1869. Son of D. C. and Margaret Beauchamp. From 1887 to 1890 he attended Randolph-Macon College, and from 1890 to 1893, Vanderbilt University. He received his A. B. degree from Randolph-Macon in 1890, and his A. M. and B. D. degrees from Vanderbilt in 1893. He was converted in 1884, and was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of the Westmoreland Circuit in 1886. He joined the Virginia Conference in November, 1893. The following are the

charges served by him: 1893, Park View, Portsmouth; 1894, Trinity, Norfolk; 1895-'6-'7-'8, St. James, Richmond; 1899, 1900-'01-'02, Broad Street, Richmond; 1903-'4-'5, Trinity, Newport News. In 1906, he was transferred to the Louisville Conference, and stationed at Fourth Ave., Louisville. In Nov., 1895, he was married to Miss A. Blanche Whitehurst. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Conference Orphanage. He has been very active in the temperance cause, having been on the executive committee of the Anti-Saloon League of Virginia, and being now a member of the executive committee of the Anti-Saloon League of Kentucky. He was a delegate to the Ecumenical Missionary Conference in New York, and of the Inter-Church Conference in the same city from the Southern Methodist Church. He was an active member of the National Epworth League Conference in Toronto, Indianapolis, and Denver. His present residence is 1201 Second Street, Louisville, Ky.

JOHN WESLEY HEIDT.

Born at Macon, Ga. Son of Emanuel and Frances L. Heidt. He was converted at Oxford, Ga., while a student at Emory College, from which institution he received his A. B. degree. Began life as a lawyer at Savannah, Ga. Served five years as Solicitor-General of Eastern District. He resigned to enter the ministry. Was married June 24, 1864, to Miss Eliza A. Villard, of South Carolina. He has served the following charges: 1867, Cane Spring Circuit; 1868-'9-'70, Broad River Circuit; 1871-'2-'3-'4, Griffin Station; 1875-'6-'7-'8, P. E. La Grange District; 1879-'80-'81, Trinity, Atlanta; 1882-'3-'4-'5, President La Grange Female College; 1885-'6-'7-'8-'9, Regent Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas; 1890, Trinity, Atlanta; 1891-'2-'3-'4, P. E. North Atlanta District; 1895-'6-'7, P. E. South Atlanta District; 1898-'9-1900, First Church, Athens; 1901-'2, Business Manager *Wesleyan Christian Advocate*; 1903-'4-'5-'6, P. E. Oxford District; 1907, P. E. Augusta District. He was chaplain of the Georgia Senate, 1881-'2. Received the degree of B. L. from University of Georgia; D. D. from Trinity College. He was a member of four General Conferences, and of the Ecumenical Conference in Washington, D. C. In 1879 he was a delegate to the International Sunday School Conference in Toronto, Canada. Present place of residence, Atlanta, Ga.

T. C. SCHULER,

T. C. Schuler was born in Jackson County (now Swain County), N. C., near Bryson City, about forty-five years ago. He received his education at Shoal Creek Academy, in Jackson, and at the District High School, at Waynesville. He was licensed to preach June 17, 1882, the Rev. George D. French, D. D., being the presiding elder. For one year he served as a supply, and then was admitted on trial into the Holston Conference, in October, 1883, at Chattanooga. He has spent five years of his itinerant life on circuits, four on districts, and sixteen on stations. He built churches at St. Elmo, Pikeville, and Centenary (Knoxville). He has been a member of the Conference Board of Missions and the Board of Church Extension, of which he is at present the chairman. For several years he was President of the Holston Conference Epworth League, and was the first to put into effect what was known as the Holston Plan for raising all missionary assessments. He has been very successful in evangelistic work. While pastor at Wytheville, Va., he had one hundred and fifty conversions in one revival. He was elected editor of the *Midland Methodist* at the Holston Conference of 1907. He was married October 26, 1886, to Miss Lula Payne. His present residence is Nashville, Tenn.

LEWIS POWELL,

PASTOR FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.

Rev. Lewis Powell, son of Lewis and Eliza Kirkwood Powell, was born at Lake Providence, La., March 30, 1854. He received his education in the common schools and at Vanderbilt University. He was converted near Camden, Ark., September 28, 1871, and was licensed to preach November 20, 1874. He was admitted on trial into the Tennessee Conference, October 15, 1879. The following are the charges served by him: 1879-'81, Alex. Green Church; 1881-'3, Arlington; 1883-'5, Savannah; 1885-'8, Spring Hill; 1888-1890, McFerrin Memorial; 1890-'3, Elm Street; 1893-'4, P. E. of East Nashville District; 1894-'6, Franklin; 1896-'7, McTyeire Memorial; 1897-'9, Park Avenue; 1899-1901, Arlington; 1901-'2, Carroll Street; 1902-1906, Central Church, Hot Springs, Arkansas Conference; 1906, First Church, Memphis. He was a member of the Missionary Conference at New Orleans and took an active part in

the Epworth League Conferences at San Francisco and Denver. He is the author of "The Twentieth Century Home Builder." He was married at Aberdeen, Miss., October 10, 1888, to Miss Anna Shell.



Bishop Enoch M. Marvin.



Bishop H. H. Kavanaugh.

E. H. MOWRE.

E. H. Mowre, son of J. A. and M. A. Mowre, was born at Milton, Iowa, October 12, 1864. Converted at Stockton, California, he was licensed to preach at Phoenix, Arizona, in 1898. He was admitted on trial into the Los Angeles Conference in 1899. He served at Tempe, Ariz., for four years and has just served his fourth year at Portland, Oregon. His congregation worships in a beautiful church building, a picture of which may be seen in this HANDBOOK. He was educated at Tray Academy and Stockton Normal College.

JAMES WALTER DANIEL.

Son of James W. and Eliza Daniel. Born at Laurens, S. C., August 27, 1856. He was educated at Cedar Mount Academy and Newberry College, of which latter institution he is an alumnus. From this institution he received the degree of A. M., and, in 1898, the degree of D. D. He was converted while a student at college

in 1879. In August of the same year he was licensed to preach. In the following December he was admitted on trial into the South Carolina Conference. He has served the following charges: 1880, junior preacher on Pickens Circuit; 1881, West Anderson Circuit; 1882-'3, Fork Shoals Circuit; 1884-'6, Pendleton Circuit; 1887-'90, Bennettsville Station; 1891-'3, Chester Station; 1894-'7, Sumpter Station; 1898-1900, Abbeville Station; 1901-'3, Trinity Station, Charleston; 1904, Bethel Station, Charleston; 1905-'6, Washington Street, Columbia; 1907, Sumpter Station (second time). He has been married twice. First, December 8, 1880, to Miss Emma Hunt, who died September 12, 1905. Second, April 18, 1907, to Miss Ethel Roger. He is the author of "The Girl in Checks," "Out From Under Caesar's Frown," "Kateechee of Keowee" (poem), "A Maid of the Foot Hills," "A Ramble Among Surnames," "Legends of Carolina." He was a member of the last three General Conferences.

JOHN McFERRIN BARCUS.

Born in Dallas County, Ark., December 23, 1860. Son of E. R. and M. F. Barcus. He was converted at an early age and was licensed to preach in July, 1880, at Bruceville Camp-ground, Northwest Texas Conference. He received his M. A. degree from Southwestern University in June, 1882, from which institution he received the honorary degree of D. D. in 1907. In November, 1882, he entered the Northwest Texas Conference and has served the following charges: 1882-'3, junior preacher Mt. Colin Circuit; 1883-'5, Temple and Taylor; 1885-'7, Graham Station; 1887-'9, Alvarado Station; 1889-'91, Mulkey Memorial, Fort Worth; 1891-'4, Vernon Station; 1894-'5, P. E. Vernon District; 1895-'9, Temple Station; 1899-1902, Cleburne Station; 1902-'6, P. E. Corsicana District; 1906, Georgetown Station. He was married in 1885 to Miss Mary T. McCrary. He has been a member of the last four General Conferences. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of Southwestern University. He has been a member of the General Epworth League Board since 1898. He has been Secretary of his Annual Conference since 1890.

ALONZO MONK.

Born at Sparta, La., in 1852. Son of Rev. F. M. and Margaret A. Monk. He was educated in the City High Schools. Attended one session at Vanderbilt University. Completed collegiate course

under Dr. B. F. Meek, of the University of Alabama, from which institution he received the honorary degree of D. D., in 1887. He was married in 1872 to Miss Elizabeth Carl. In October of the same year he was licensed to preach. In the following December he was admitted on trial into the Little Rock Conference. He has served the following charges: 1873, Clark Circuit; 1874, Amity Circuit; 1875, Mineral Circuit; 1876-'9, Spring Street, Little Rock; 1880-'3, Camden Station, Little Rock Conference; 1884-'7, Tuscaloosa; 1888-'9, Anniston, North Alabama Conference; 1890-'3, Central Church, Memphis, Tenn.; 1894-'7, Mulberry Street, Macon, Ga.; 1898-1900, Centenary, Chattanooga; 1901, Church Street, Knoxville; 1902-'3, St. Marks, Atlanta, Ga.; 1904-'6, First Church, Fort Worth, Tex.; 1906, sent to Broadway Church, Louisville. He was an alternate member of the General Conference of 1902. He has preached forty-three baccalaureate sermons, delivered twenty-seven baccalaureate addresses and dedicated twenty-eight churches. Being a Knight Templar in the Masonic Order, he has delivered numerous addresses on popular occasions. He has travelled extensively in Europe and Asia. He has been a great church builder. He raised at a single service in Atlanta, \$28,300, and at a single service at Fort Worth, \$47,750. He has had some wonderful revivals in his ministry.

WILLIAM FRANKLIN LLOYD.

The subject of this sketch was born in Taylor County, Ga., November 25, 1855. His parents were Charles and Nancy Wesley Lloyd. He was converted at Butler, Ga., when he was about sixteen years old. He was licensed to preach at Columbus, Ga., in August, 1875. In the following December he entered the South Georgia Conference, and since then has served the following charges: Glen Alta, one year; Girard, one year; Blakely, two years; Boston Circuit, two years; Brunswick, two years; Fort Valley, two years; P. E. of the Waycross District, two years; St. Paul, Columbus, three years; First Church, Fort Worth, four years; President of Polytechnic College, Fort Worth, Tex., five years; Walnut St., Louisville, Ky., four years; State St., Bowling Green, Ky., three years; Union—The Temple—one year up to date. He was married in 1876. He is the author of "Ten Years in a Growing Prayer Meeting." He received the honorary degree of D. D. in 1896. He was a member of the General Conference of 1906. His present residence is 832 Sixth Street, Louisville, Ky.

WILLIAM G. STARR.

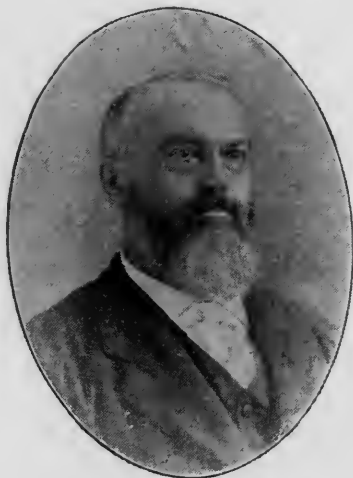
Son of Rev. Wm. H. and Frances Starr and born in Rappahannock County, Va., September 26, 1840. He received his education in the common schools and at Randolph-Macon College, where he was converted in 1857. He was licensed to preach in 1860, and in the same year joined the Virginia Conference. He has served the following charges: Junior preacher on Gloucester Circuit, six months; Hampton, six months; in Confederate service until 1865; Murfreesboro, N. C., three years; Bedford City, two years; Suffolk, three years; President of Wesleyan Female College at Murfreesboro, five years; Broad Street, Richmond, four years; Charlottesville, three years; Main Street, Danville, four years; Cumberland Street, Norfolk, four years; Petersburg, Washington Street, two years; Broad Street, Richmond, four years; President of Randolph-Macon College, three years; Washington Street, Petersburg, three years; Cumberland Street, Norfolk, two years up to date. He was married in 1870. In 1879 he received the degree of D. D. from the University of North Carolina. His present residence is 477 Freemason Street, Norfolk, Va.

DAVID SULLINS.

Born in McMinn County, Tenn., July 28, 1827. Son of Nathan and Rebecca Sullins. He was converted in early boyhood. He received his education at Forest Hill Academy and Emory and Henry College, from which he received the degrees of A. B. and A. M., and later, D. D. He was licensed to preach in 1850 at Abingdon, Va., and in October of the same year was admitted on trial into the Holston Conference. The following are the charges he has served: 1850-'1, Asheville Circuit; 1851-'2, Asheville Station; 1852-'3-'4, Jonesboro Station, Tenn.; 1854-'7, President Female College, Jonesboro, Tenn.; 1857-'8, Chattanooga Station; 1858-'9, Knoxville Station; 1860-'2, Chaplain in Confederate Army, and Quartermaster with rank of major; 1862-'3, Knoxville Station; 1863-'5, a refugee; 1865-'7, Wytheville Station; 1867-'9, Bristol Station. While on Bristol Station he founded Sullins College, of which he was the President until 1880; 1880-1885, President of Emory and Henry College; 1885 till 1900, President of Centenary Female College. President Emeritus to date. He was married May 3, 1855, to Miss Ann Rebecca Blair, who died about five years ago. He is an ardent Odd Fellow and Royal Arch Mason. His place of residence is Cleveland, Tenn.

ROBERT H. MAHON, D. D.

Was born in Haywood County, Tenn., October 23, 1840; was admitted into the Memphis Conference in 1862; was ordained deacon and elder in due course by Bishop Robert Paine; was chaplain to Forrest's Cavalry the last two years of the civil war; was a delegate to the General Conference at Atlanta, Ga., in 1878, and has been a member of every General Conference since; was a delegate to Centennial Methodist Conference at Baltimore in 1884; was a delegate to second Ecumenical Methodist Conference at Washington, D. C., in 1891, and read a paper on "How Can the Church Best Serve the Cause of Temperance"; was a member of the Committee



Bishop LINUS PARKER.

of Nine appointed by the General Conference in 1886 to revise the standard hymn-book of the church; was for four years editor of the *Memphis Christian Advocate*, the official organ of the Memphis Conference; was a member of the commission of three appointed by the General Conference in 1890 to revise Chapters VII and VIII of the Discipline, which contain the laws of trials and appeals. Author of two books, "The Token of the Covenant," which is a discussion of the mode, subjects, and design of Christian Baptism; and a Doctrinal Catechism, for the use of families, Bible classes, and young men making ready for licenses to preach. Was appointed by the last General Conference at Birmingham a member of the Commission on "Statement of Faith." Is at present presiding elder of the Memphis District, Memphis Conference.

JOHN MATHEWS, D. D.

John Mathews was born in Philadelphia, June 13, 1826. He lived a while in Philadelphia and then moved to Shelbyville, Tenn. He was converted in early life. In September, 1846, he joined the Tennessee Conference, and was sent to Middleton Circuit. He was sent to California and stationed at Sacramento. He returned to the Tennessee Conference. In 1866 he was sent to Montgomery, Ala. For one year he was presiding elder in Alabama. From Montgomery he went to New Orleans and transferred to Kansas City, Mo., and thence to Centenary Church, St. Louis, in 1886. He spent four years at Centenary, and was then sent to St. Johns, which he served for three years. He was then returned to Centenary, where he spent five years. He was married about 1860 to Miss Mary Menifee. One says of him: "He was a fine example of what may be called the pastor-evangelist. He not only preached in many places to large congregations, but he reaped large results in the conversion of thousands of people. He emphasized in all of his preaching the present need of the acceptance of Jesus Christ as a Saviour." He wrote an autobiography, "Peeps into Life," which is characteristic and interesting. He received from the Tennessee Conference a superannuate relation in 1902, since which time his days were filled with suffering until he went to his reward in September, 1907.

SAMUEL LANDER.

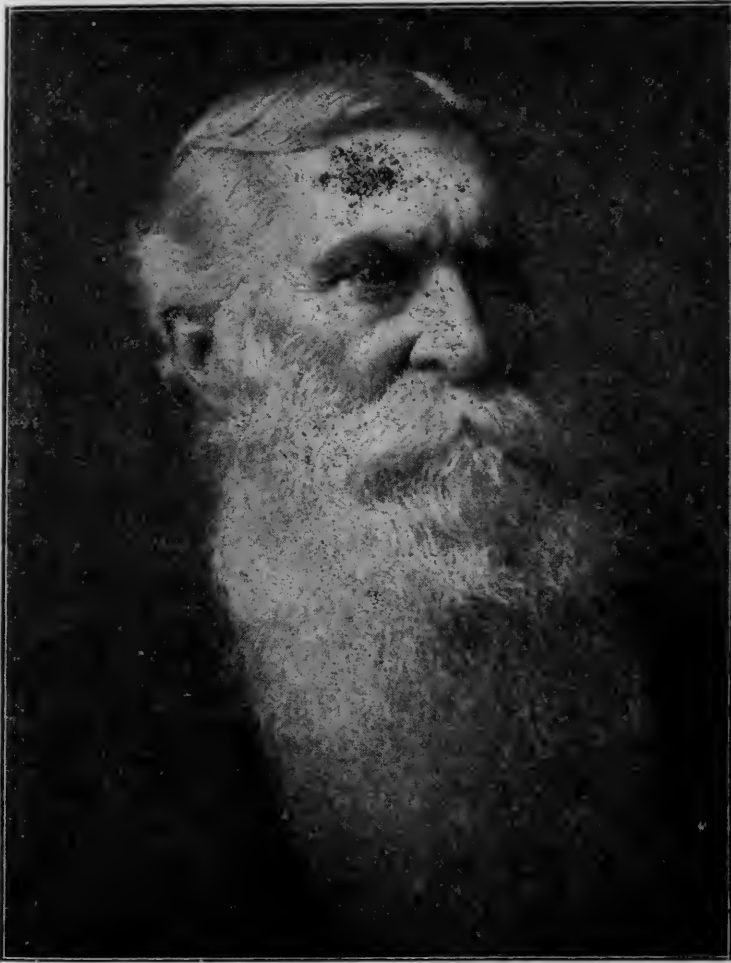
Rev. Samuel Lander, A. M., D. D., was born at Lincolnton, N. C., January 30, 1833. His parents were Rev. Samuel Lander and Eliza Ann Lander, natives of Ireland. He was converted and joined the Methodist Church in early youth. He entered the Sophomore class of Randolph-Macon in 1849. He graduated from this institution in 1852. In 1855, he received the Master's degree, and in 1878 the honorary degree of D. D. from Trinity College. For a number of years he taught, first at Catawba College, Newton, N. C., and successively at Olin, N. C., Randolph-Macon, Greensboro Female College, Greensboro, N. C., and at High Point, N. C. He was licensed as a local preacher in 1861. During the war he prepared and published several text-books at the request of the Educational Board of North Carolina. He was received on trial into the South Carolina Conference in 1864. In 1865, he taught in Lincolnton Female Seminary; in 1866-'7 he served Lincolnton

charge; in 1868-'70, he was President of Davenport Female College; in 1871, he taught in Spartanburg Female College; in 1872, he served Williamston Circuit. In 1873, he was appointed President of the latter institution, which position he held till his death, July 14, 1904. He was married in 1853 to Miss Laura A. McPherson. Eleven children were the fruit of this union. He was a member of the General Conference of 1890 and 1894. Among the educators of Southern Methodism Dr. Samuel Lander takes first rank.

PAUL WHITEHEAD.

Rev. Paul Whitehead, D. D., was born September 13, 1830, near Lovingsston, the county seat of Nelson County, Va. His parents were John and Anna Whitehead. He was educated chiefly at New Glasgow Academy, Amherst County. He was converted in 1849. For four years he was in the county clerk's office in Lynchburg and Norfolk. He studied law and received license to practice, but was licensed to preach in 1853. In October of this year he was admitted on trial into the Virginia Conference and was sent as junior preacher to Buckingham Circuit. In 1854-5, he was in charge of Charlottesville Station. In 1856 he was sent to Lexington. In 1857 he was sent to the Powhatan Circuit. He was married December 8, 1857, to Miss Virgilia M. Timberlake. In 1858-'9 he was in charge of High Street Church, Petersburg. In 1860 he was elected Secretary of the Virginia Conference, which position he held for forty-seven years. In 1860-'1 he served Lunenburg Circuit. In 1866 he was elected President of Murfreesboro (N. C.) Female College. He held this position for eight years. In 1873 he opened a college for young women at Farmville, Va. Here he remained until the fall of 1881, when he was made presiding elder, which he continued to be, until his death, on the following districts: 1881, Petersburg District; 1882-'85, Richmond District; 1886-'89, Lynchburg District; 1890-'93, Richmond District; 1894-'97, West Richmond District; 1898-1901, Lynchburg District; 1902, Norfolk and Eastern Shore District; 1903-'07, Norfolk District. From 1866 to 1906 he was a delegate to every General Conference except those of 1874 and 1882. For many years he was a trustee of Randolph-Macon College, serving with unwearying interest till his death. The Governor of Virginia in 1876 appointed him a member of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia, which position he held till 1882. In 1875 he re-

ceived from Randolph-Macon College the degree of Doctor of Divinity. The General Conference of 1894 elected him a member of the Book Committee, and each succeeding General Conference re-elected him to the same position. He was a member of the Ecumenical Conference that met in London in 1901. He died April 3, 1907, in St. Luke's Hospital, in Richmond, Va., and was buried in Maplewood Cemetery, Charlottesville, Va.



YOUNG J. ALLEN.

MISSIONARY TO CHINA—DIED IN SHANGHAI, CHINA, MAY 30, 1907.

Young J. Allen was born January 3, 1835, in Burke County, Ga., was educated in Emory College, established and owned by the

Georgia and Florida Annual Conferences, and went from the halls of this honored institution with the diploma he had so worthily won in 1858. He was admitted on trial into the traveling connection at the session of the Georgia Conference held in 1858, at Columbus, Ga. From Columbus, a city of his native State, he went to preach the gospel to the millions in China. He arrived in China in 1859, and at once began what proved to be a great missionary life—the full proportions of which we cannot now measure. Time will be required for anything like a just showing forth of the greatness of his work in the far-reaching reformatory and redemptive measures he set in motion for the formation of the New China that is to be.

The Civil War following close upon his entrance upon mission work, he was cut off from the home church and thrown upon his own resources, as were the other missionaries of our church—Messrs. Lambuth and Wood—for a support. Wood returned home, Dr. Lambuth gave himself to teaching and interpreting, and Dr. Allen to teaching and literary work in the Kiang-Nan arsenal. Here he was thrown in contact with the more advanced Chinese officials. While in this service he conceived the plan of his *Review of the Times*. This seemingly untoward incident in his life was really a providential opportunity for reaching the upper and more cultured classes among the Chinese—an opportunity the statesmanship of Dr. Allen was quick to see, and wise enough to use. From this time on—never minimizing in the least the power or usefulness of evangelistic work by the missionaries, he yet magnified the Christianizing power of a literature circulated and read, and of schools established for the education of the young. He believed that foreign mission work should be chiefly to the nation, and carried on by a method different from that adopted in the prosecution of home missions. The present transition situation in China—the breaking up of old notions and the projection of reform measures—attest as no words can the wise statesmanship of this great representative of our Southern Methodism in the Far East—the most conspicuous representative, honored and entrusted by the natives—of Christianity in the Orient.

For forty-eight years Dr. Allen held with unvarying confidence and fixedness of purpose to the plan of work he projected when he reached China. Few lives can show a sublimer devotion to an ideal of service, or more industrious effort for its realization. Considering the comprehensiveness of his life-work, the success

which crowned it, and the yet to be realized fruits of his labor, one can almost say that he was an inspired man. Surely, he was led of God, and guided and sustained by that Spirit who is the "guide into all truth."

To write of Dr. Allen as to his personal characteristics is difficult without making apparent the partiality of a personal friend, for to us he was that, admired, honored, and loved. There was no acerbity in his spirit, no unworthy ambitions in his heart. He was good. He loved God and sought His will. Free from the little limitations of most men, his goodness and greatness loomed larger to those most intimate with him. He would have been a hero to his valet. Tender, warm-hearted and affectionate, he was, when occasion required or duty demanded it, fearless in the expression of his opinions and firm in the maintenance of his convictions.

Loyal to his native State and his own nation, he was at the same time an ardent lover of the people among whom his life-work was done. He saw the elements of greatness in the Chinese people, and he believed that Christianized they would be a great people and a mighty nation. To bring them to Christ he labored.

It is difficult to realize that he is gone—that the cheerful face and bright eye will come no more among us—that the voice of the great missionary-statesman is silenced, and his vocal pleas for China are hushed forever. We will not murmur. He rests with his ascended Lord. The sad feature of his going is, we have no one to take up his great work. Where is the young man watching this ascending Elijah upon whom his thrown-off mantle may fall?

Georgia Methodism should perpetuate in every church in appropriate memorial services the worth and work of Young J. Allen.—*Wesleyan Christian Advocate*.

OUR PUBLISHING INTERESTS

"And then I thought of Martin Luther, . . . and how he vanquished the devil by flinging an inkstand at his head. He wrote a preface to his comment on the Epistle to the Galatians, and that preface found its way to the heart of a good Bedfordshire tinker named John Bunyan, and he wrote a preface to his comment on the Epistle to the Romans, and it was while reading that preface in Aldersgate Street that John Wesley became arrested."—*Dr. W. Morley Punshon.*

OUR PUBLISHING HOUSE

BY REV. A. J. LAMAR, D. D., IN "NASHVILLE CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE."

The Publishing House of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was established in Nashville, Tenn., by the General Conference of 1854. Its object, as set forth in the Discipline, is "to advance the cause of Christianity by disseminating religious knowledge and useful literary and scientific information in the form of books, tracts, and periodicals."

To the Publishing Agents, elected quadrennially by the General Conference, is committed the general conduct of the House. The list of those who have served the church in this capacity is as follows: Rev. John Early, D. D. (afterwards Bishop Early); Rev. E. Stevenson, D. D., and Rev. James E. Evans, D. D., who were jointly elected by the General Conference of 1854. Dr. Evans resigning before the expiration of his term of service, Rev. F. A. Owen was chosen to fill the vacancy. Rev. J. B. McFerrin, D. D., was elected in 1858, and served until the beginning of the civil war. Rev. Richard Abbey, D. D., as Financial Agent, then took charge, and was custodian of the Publishing House until the meeting of the General Conference of 1866. At this Conference—the first held since 1858—Rev. A. H. Redford, D. D., was elected to the position, and was re-elected in 1870 and 1874. At the General Conference of 1878 Dr. J. B. McFerrin was again put in office. He was re-elected in 1882 and 1886, and served until his death, in 1887. In July, 1887, Dr. James D. Barbee was elected, and served alone until 1890. At the General Conference of 1890 a change was made, providing for a Book Agent and an Assistant Book Agent, and Dr.

J. D. Barbee and D. M. Smith were elected to those offices. Barbee and Smith were re-elected in 1894 and again in 1898. At the General Conference of 1902 R. J. Bigham was elected Book Agent and D. M. Smith, assistant. In July, 1903, R. J. Bigham resigned, and in August of that year D. M. Smith was elected Book Agent and A. J. Lamar, assistant. The General Conference of 1906 changed the arrangement by abolishing the office of Assistant Book Agent and providing for the election of two Agents of co-ordinate



D. M. Smith, Publishing Agent,
Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

authority, to be known as the Publishing Agents. D. M. Smith and A. J. Lamar were elected Publishing Agents, and are now conducting the business of the House under the firm name of Smith & Lamar.

The General Conference also elects a Book Committee of thirteen, who, with the Agents, exercise supervision of the publishing interests of the church. Of this committee Dr. Collins Denny has been chairman since June, 1898.

The original building occupied by the Publishing House was partially destroyed by fire in 1872, and a new and more commodious one was erected on the same site, at the northeast corner of Court Square. Several years since, the enlarging business of the Publishing House and other considerations made it evident that a new house was necessary, and a lot on the corner of Broadway and Ninth Avenue was purchased for its erection. In 1904 it was definitely decided to begin the building, and work was commenced. The new building is now complete and the Publishing House installed therein. The building is of strictly fireproof construction. The frame is of steel, the walls of stone and brick, and the floors of concrete. It is six stories in height, covering a space of 65 x 200 feet, with a rear extension for engine room, etc., two stories high, and covering 65 x 40 feet.

The building is of beautiful and imposing appearance, an ornament to the city, and an honor to the church. Its situation—within less than two blocks of the Union Passenger Station, one block from the Custom House and Post-office, and quite near the leading freight depots of Nashville—is well-nigh ideal. It is equipped with three elevators of the most approved pattern—two for passengers and one for freight—and is supplied throughout with the latest devices for preventing and extinguishing fires.

REPORT OF THE BOOK AGENTS.

FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1906.

Sales, Nashville	\$522,692.42
Sales, Dallas	127,184.89
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Gross sales	\$649,877.31
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Net sales	\$543,680.51
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Gain, Nashville	\$ 44,539.93
Gain, Dallas	3,294.04
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Total gain	\$ 47,833.97
Deduct loss on <i>Epworth Era</i>	4,684.25
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Net gain	\$ 43,149.72



Publishing House, Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

The volume of business at Nashville for the year ending December 31, 1906, was \$416,495.62, as against \$404,646.53 for the preceding year, giving an increase of \$11,849.09; while the gain was \$44,539.93, as against \$45,868.98, a decrease in gain for the year 1906 of \$1,329.05. This decrease, in the face of the increase in volume of business, may be accounted for by the large expense incurred in moving the plant, overhauling and repairing machinery, etc. The volume of business done at Dallas during the year amounted to \$127,184.89, as against \$112,011.66 for the preceding year, showing an increase of \$15,173.23; while the gain for 1906 was \$3,294.04, as against \$5,637.78 for 1905, a decrease of \$2,343.74.

The *Quarterly Review* and the *Christian Advocate* have met the expense of their publication, but have yielded no appreciable revenue to the House.

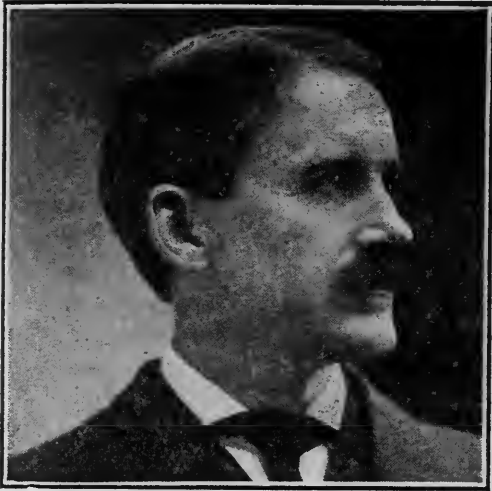
The *Epworth Era* shows a loss for the year, though it has a gratifying circulation of more than 22,000. Heretofore a large part of its circulation has been at the rate of 75 cents per annum. The Agents have now fixed upon \$1.00 per annum as the uniform price of subscription, and think that this will make the paper self-sustaining.

MEETING OF THE BOOK COMMITTEE.

The Book Committee met in the Publishing House May 8, 1907, and concluded its labors after six hours of hard work. Those present were Rev. Collins Denny, D. D., chairman; Major R. W. Millsaps, of Jackson, Miss.; Rev. J. M. Mason, D. D., of Eufaula, Ala.; Dr. Sidney Bass, of Terrell, Texas; Judge E. C. Reeves, of Johnson City, Tenn.; Rev. James Campbell, D. D., of Waxahachie, Texas; Rev. R. A. Child, of Spartanburg, S. C.; Prof. O. E. Brown, Messrs. W. C. Dibrell, John B. Ransom, and Jo B. Morgan, of Nashville. Mr. J. L. Nelson, of Lenoir, N. C., was detained at home on account of sickness. The name of Rev. Paul Whitehead, D. D., was called, and the chairman announced his death, which took place a month ago. The committee went into a memorial session, and beautiful tributes by different members were paid to this honored and much-loved man of God and servant of the church. The new committee on the business of the Branch House in Dallas is composed of Mr. John B. Ransom, Dr. Sidney Bass, and Judge E. C. Reeves.

PERIODICALS

CONNECTIONAL.



Rev. G. B. Winton, D. D.
Editor Christian Advocate.

The Christian Advocate. Rev. G. B. Winton, D. D., editor; Rev. S. M. Godbey, assistant editor; Rev. John M. Moore, managing editor. Published weekly by Smith & Lamar, Nashville, Tenn.; J. Arthur Johnson, advertising manager. Pages, 32. Price per year, \$2.00; to ministers, \$1.00. General organ of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

The Methodist Quarterly Review. Gross Alexander, S. T. D., editor. Smith & Lamar, publishers. Price, \$2.00 per annum. Issued

quarterly. Each issue contains about 224 pages.

The Epworth Era. Rev. H. M. DuBose, D. D., editor; Rev. F. S. Parker, D. D., assistant editor. Published weekly by Smith & Lamar. Illustrated. Thirty-two pages.

Go Forward. Published monthly by the Board of Missions at Nashville, Tenn. Edited by the Secretaries, W. R. Lambuth, W. W. Pinson, and J. R. Nelson. G. W. Cain, business manager. Twenty-five cents per year.

Our Homes. Published monthly by the Woman's Home Mission Society, at Nashville, Tenn. Miss Mary Helm, editor and agent. Price per year, 50 cents.

The Woman's Missionary Advocate. Published monthly at Nashville, Tenn., by the Woman's Board of Missions. Mrs. F. A. Butler, editor and agent. Price per year, 50 cents. Number of pages, 48. Illustrated.

The Little Worker. Published by the Woman's Board of Missions. Miss Annie Maria Barnes, Summerfield, S. C., editor. Miss Lena Freeman, Nashville, Tenn., agent.

Sunday School Magazine. Published monthly by Smith & Lamar. Rev. E. B. Chappell, D. D., editor; Rev. L. F. Beatty, D. D., assistant editor. To individual address, 15 cents per quarter, 60 cents per annum. Club rates—All in one package, to one address, five or more copies, 40 cents each per annum, $12\frac{1}{2}$ cents each per quarter.

Adult Student. (S. S.) Monthly; 32 pages. To individual addresses, 15 cents each per quarter, 50 cents each per annum. Club Rates—All in one package, to one address, five or more copies, 40 cents each per annum, $12\frac{1}{2}$ cents each per quarter.

Senior Quarterly. (S. S.) To individual addresses, 5 cents each per quarter, 20 cents each per annum. Club Rates—All in one package, to one address, five or more copies, 12 cents each per annum, $3\frac{1}{4}$ cents each per quarter.

Home Department Quarterly. (S. S.) To individual addresses, 5 cents each per quarter, 20 cents per annum. Club Rates—All in one package, to one address, five or more copies, 12 cents each per annum, $3\frac{1}{4}$ cents each per quarter.

Intermediate Quarterly. (S. S.) To individual addresses, 5 cents each per quarter, 20 cents per annum. Club Rates—All in one package, to one address, five or more copies, 12 cents each per annum, $3\frac{1}{4}$ cents each per quarter.

The Junior Lessons. (S. S.) Quarterly; 32 pages. To individual addresses, 5 cents each per quarter, 20 cents per annum. Club Rates—All in one package, to one address, five or more copies, 12 cents each per annum, $3\frac{1}{4}$ cents each per quarter.

Our Little People. (S. S.) Quarterly; 32 pages. To individual addresses, 5 cents each per quarter, 15 cents each per annum. Club Rates—All in one package, to one address, five or more copies, 10 cents each per annum, 3 cents each per quarter.

Primary Teacher. (S. S.) Quarterly; 64 pages. To individual addresses, 15 cents each per quarter, 50 cents each per annum. Club Rates—All in one package, to one address, five or more copies, 40 cents each per annum, $12\frac{1}{2}$ cents each per quarter.

The Children's Visitor. (S. S.) To individual addresses, 15 cents each per quarter, 60 cents each per annum. Club Rates—All in one package, to one address, five or more copies, 40 cents each per annum, 10 cents each per quarter.

Olivet Picture Cards. (S. S.) Club rate orders only. All must be sent to one address. Per annum, 10 cents per set; per quarter, $2\frac{1}{2}$ cents per set.

Bible Lesson Pictures. (S. S.) Per annum, \$3; per quarter, 75 cents.

The Quiet Hour. Published quarterly under the auspices of the Correspondence School by Smith & Lamar, Nashville, Tenn. Price, 25 cents. Organ of the Quiet Hour League.



Rev. A. J. Lamar, D.D., Publishing Agent,
Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

CONFERENCE ORGANS

Raleigh Christian Advocate, Raleigh, N. C. Rev. T. N. Ivey, D. D., editor and business manager. Owned by Raleigh Advocate Company. Conference owns \$2,000 worth of stock. Printed by Mutual Publishing Company, in which Raleigh Advocate Company owns stock. Number of pages, 16. Price, per annum, \$1.50. Circulation, 9,000. Patronizing Conference, North Carolina.

Texas Christian Advocate, Dallas, Texas. Rev. G. C. Rankin, D. D., editor; Blaylock Publishing Company, publishers. Printed

by contract. Number of pages, 16. Price, per year, \$2.00. Patronizing Conferences, the Texas Conferences and New Mexico. Circulation, 22,000.

Alabama Christian Advocate, Birmingham, Ala. Rev. J. S. Chadwick, editor and business manager; Rev. L. M. Stevenson, assistant editor. Published by contract. Conference ownership. Number pages, 16. Price, per year, \$1.50. Circulation, 10,200. Patronizing Conferences, Alabama and North Alabama.

Midland Methodist, Nashville, Tenn. Rev. T. C. Schuler, editor; O. W. Patton, publisher. Printed by contract. Number pages, 16. Price, per year, \$1.00. Circulation, 6,750. Patronizing Conferences, Holston and Tennessee.

Southern Christian Advocate, Spartanburg, S. C. Rev. S. A. Nettles, editor. Owned by South Carolina Conference. Printed by contract. Number pages, 16. Price, per year, \$2.00. Circulation, 10,000. Patronizing Conference, South Carolina.

Der Missions Freund, Galveston, Texas. Rev. J. A. G. Rabe, editor. Owned by German Mission Conference. Number pages, 8. Price, per year, \$1.00. Circulation, 650. Patronizing Conference, German Mission. The only German paper of the M. E. Church, South. Read by nearly every one of the German Methodists, South.

North Carolina Christian Advocate, Greensboro, N. C. Rev. Hugh M. Blair, editor and business manager. Owned by Christian Advocating Publishing Company. Conference owns over \$6,000 of stock. Total capital paid in, \$10,000. Value of plant, \$12,000. Number of pages, 16. Price, per year, \$1.50. Circulation, 8,300. Patronizing Conference, Western North Carolina.

Wesleyan Christian Advocate, Atlanta, Ga. Rev. W. C. Lovett, D. D., editor; Rev. M. J. Cofer, assistant editor and business manager. Conference ownership. Published by contract. Number of pages, 16. Price, per year, \$2.00. Circulation, 11,200. Patronizing Conferences, North Georgia and South Georgia.

New Orleans Christian Advocate, New Orleans, La. Rev. R. A. Meek, editor. Owned by Conference. Published by contract by Chas. O. Chalmers. Number of pages, 16. Price, per year, \$1.50. Circulation, 6,000. Patronizing Conferences, Louisiana, Mississippi and North Mississippi.

Central Methodist, Louisville, Ky. D. W. Batson, A. M., editor. Published by the Central Methodist Publishing Company. Rev. Q. K. Vreeland, associate editor. Number of pages, 16. Price, per year, \$1.00. Circulation, 6,000. Patronizing Conferences, Kentucky and Louisville.

St. Louis Christian Advocate, St. Louis, Mo. Rev. W. B. Palmore, D. D., editor; Rev. C. C. Woods, D. D., assistant editor. Number of pages, 16. Price, per year, \$2.00. Owned by a joint stock company. Total amount of capital paid in, \$30,000. Patronizing Conferences, Missouri, Southwest Missouri, St. Louis, Illinois, Denver.

Pacific Methodist Advocate, San Francisco, California. Rev. W. E. Vaughan, editor and manager. Owned by the M. E. Church, South. Price, \$2.00 per year. Circulation, 2,000. Patronizing Conferences, Montana, East Columbia, Columbia, Pacific, and Los Angeles.

Baltimore Southern Methodist, Baltimore, Md. Rev. J. S. Engle, editor and manager. Owned by Southern Methodist Publishing Company. Amount of capital paid in, \$5,200. Number pages, 20 and 24. Price, per year, \$1.00. Circulation, 7,200. Patronizing Conference, Baltimore.

Baltimore-Richmond Christian Advocate, Richmond, Va. Rev. James Cannon, Jr., D. D., editor; Rev. J. Sidney Peters, associate editor. Owned by the Advocate Publishing Company. Total amount of capital paid in, \$20,000. Number of pages, 24. Price, per year, \$2.00. Circulation, 8,000. Patronizing Conferences, Virginia and Baltimore.

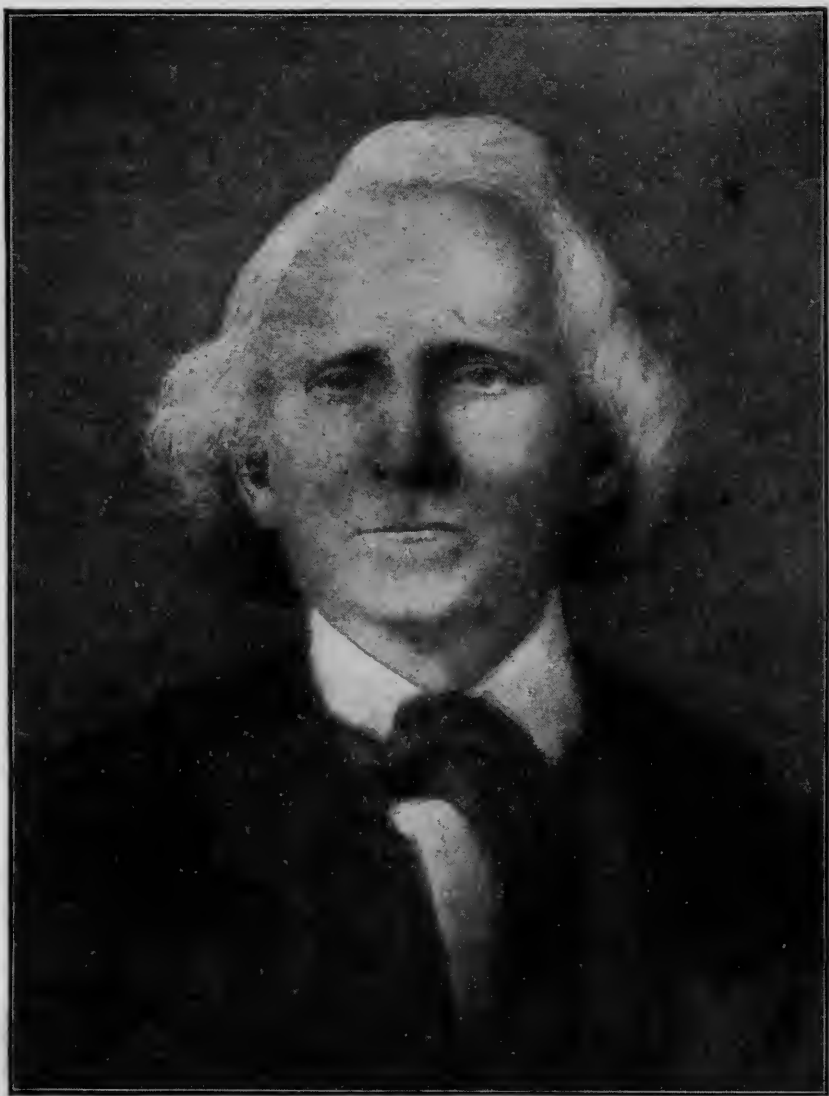
Florida Christian Advocate, Live Oak, Fla. Rev. Frederick Pasco, D. D., editor. Published by contract by the Live Oak Publishing Company. Number of pages, 8. Price, per year, \$1.50. Patronizing Conference, Florida.

Western Virginia Methodist, Sutton, West Virginia. Rev. John A. Grose, publisher. Price, per year, \$1.00. Circulation, 5,000. Patronizing Conference, Western Virginia.

Western Methodist, Little Rock, Ark. Revs. James A. Anderson, A. C. Miller and P. R. Eaglebarger, editors and owners. Number of pages, 16. Circulation, 12,500. Price per annum, \$1.50. Patronizing Conferences, Arkansas, Little Rock, White River, and Oklahoma.

El Evangelista Cubano, Havana, Cuba. Official organ of the Cuban Mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Published semi-monthly; \$1.00 per year. Editor Spanish Department, Rev. S. A. Neblett; editor English Department, and business manager, Rev. E. E. Clements.

O Testemunho, Porto Allegre, Brazil. Organ of the Brazil Mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. 16 pages.



Rev. Thomas Stringfield,
First Editor of the Christian Advocate.

NUMBER OF SUBSCRIBERS TO EVERY THOUSAND MEMBERS.

Conference.	Conference.	Membership of Patronizing Conference or Conferences.	Number of Subscribers to Every 1,000 Members.
Raleigh Christian Advocate.....	9,000	73,208	122
Texas Christian Advocate	22,000	221,708	99
Alabama Christian Advocate ...	*10,200	136,443	74
Midland Methodist	*6,750	127,223	53
Southern Christian Advocate ...	*10,000	83,681	119
Der Missions Freund	650	1,595	407
North Carolina Christian Advo.,	8,300	82,202	100
Wesleyan Christian Advocate ...	11,200	179,601	64
New Orleans Christian Advocate.	*6,000	128,636	46
Central Methodist	6,000	80,549	74
St. Louis Christian Advocate ...	22,000	123,224	170
Pacific Methodist	*2,000	14,977	133
Baltimore Southern Methodist ..	7,200	55,541	129
Balto-Rich'd Christian Advocate.	8,000	99,398	80
Florida Christian Advocate .....	.....	24,966	...
Western Virginia Methodist	*5,000	23,432	213
Western Methodist	12,500	126,115	91

AS FOUND IN THE DISCIPLINE.

The name of the Publishing House shall be "Publishing House of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South," to be under the control of two "Publishing Agents," one of whom may be a layman, and the "Book Committee." Both the Publishing Agents and the Book Committee are elected by the General Conference, the latter to be nominated by a committee of nine. (Paragraph 437.)

The Publishing Agents shall publish only those books and tracts which are approved by the Book Editor. (Par. 440.)

They shall make no investments in grounds, houses or permanent fixtures without the consent of the Book Committee. (Par. 442.)

The Book Committee shall be composed of thirteen members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, six clerical and five lay. (Par. 443.)

The duties of the Book Committee shall be to prescribe regulations for the government of the Publishing House, to require the Book Agents to report to them once a month on the current business of the House, to suspend the Publishing Agents for misconduct or inefficiency. (Pars. 444, 445, 447.)

The salary of \$3,000 per annum shall be paid to the Publishing Agents, the Book Editor, the editor of the *Review*, the editor of the *Christian Advocate*, the Sunday School Editor, the General Secretary and editor of the Epworth Leagues. (Par. 449.)

The Book Committee, with the concurrence of a majority of the Bishops, shall have authority to fill vacancies in any of the offices mentioned. (Par. 450.)

The Book Committee shall hold an annual meeting, and those members who live in Nashville shall meet once a month. (Par. 453.)

Neither the Publishing Agents nor the Book Committee shall involve the Publishing House in debt. (Par. 454.)

All Sunday school literature shall be published by the Publishing House. (Par. 457.)

The proceeds of the Publishing House shall be appropriated to no other purposes than those mentioned in the Sixth Restrictive Rule, and its own legitimate business. (Par. 460.)

EDUCATION

"Neither ancient nor modern philosopher has found a better solution for the enigma of life than is found in religion. Plato could never imagine a more monstrous state of affairs as education without religion. We Christians are no less convinced that religion is as essential to men to-day as it was in the days of Plato. All civilization is rooted in religious worship, has grown out of the practices of religious worship, and has even been fostered by religious worship. Does not the same word—*cultus*—apply to both?"
—*Father Azarias.*

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

The work of classifying and correlating our institutions satisfactorily progressing. Work of educational extension among the negroes to be developed. Board authorized to increase its assessment for work among the negroes to \$20,000, the same to be directed to the whole field of education. The Conference schools located at Stevensville, Mont., and Milton, Ore., are now receiving financial aid from the Board. The dissemination of educational literature is steadily carried on. Entire income for the fiscal year closing April 17, 1907, is \$40,221.98, making a total increase of income for the year of \$6,562.24. Increase in collections on general assessment and Paine and Lane Colleges of \$1,217.88. Entire principal of Williams' Relief Fund, \$6,276.46. Available in bank, \$762.07.

WORK IN THE WEST.

The proposition to establish for the Pacific and Los Angeles Conference a school of the junior college grade, to do four years of high school work and two—the freshman and sophomore—of college work is the most important that has ever come before the Board. The Executive Committee has asked that the Board appropriate for the equipment of the school the sum of \$10,000; also that the Board raise \$40,000 for buildings in addition to what may be raised by the committee in California. The college will be located at Leland, California, at which place twenty-seven acres of ground, valued at \$70,000, and \$100,000 endowment, have been promised.

CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL.

For the first time all the English-speaking Conferences, as well as several of the mission Conferences, accept the certificates of the Correspondence School in place of the Conference examinations. The number of correspondence courses is now thirty-two. Number of pupils enrolled the year ending April 15, 1907, 1,017. The following Conferences were represented by the largest number of students: Western North Carolina Conference, 48; South Georgia, 41; Northwest Texas, 40; Mississippi and South Carolina, each, 34. The Vanderbilt Biblical Institute was organized in connection with the Correspondence School. Its last session was held June 19-26, 1907, and had an excellent programme. The demand for extension lectures has steadily increased. In connection with the Biblical Department of Vanderbilt University, courses of lectures have been delivered at Preachers' Institutes, and at the sessions of various Annual Conferences, and at most of our colleges. The extension library is now open for use. Over six hundred volumes have been purchased and catalogued. The Prayer League has been merged into the Quiet Hour League. Over seventeen hundred preachers and laymen have become regular members of the League. The receipts for the year, including balance on hand, were \$14,158.11; disbursements, \$9,519.36, leaving balance on hand, \$4,638.75. Rev. J. L. Cuninggim, the director, is full of energy and enthusiasm, and is doing a great work.

THE TEACHERS' BUREAU.

The Teachers' Bureau, under the able management of Prof. L. H. Harris, is a fixture in our educational life. The number of registrations and of places provided continues about the same from year to year.

OUR WORK FOR THE NEGRO.

Rev. George W. Walker, President of Paine College, Augusta, Ga., reports:

The last session of Paine College was the best in its history. Enrollment, 296. The annex has done excellent work. Under the control of Southern Methodist women, girls are taught to cook, launder, sew, make dresses and trim hats. There will be a nurse training department.

Rev. J. A. Bray, President of Lane College, Jackson, Tenn., reports:

Last year was prosperous, although enrollment was less than that of the preceding year. The Teachers' Training Department is proving very helpful. A number of hopeful young men are preparing for the ministry. Once each year a Farmers' and Race Workers' Conference is held, with fine results.

Rev. John W. Gilbert, Educational Agent of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, under the auspices of the General Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, makes his report, covering seven months prior to April 1, 1907. He visited most of the Annual Conferences of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church. All the Conferences visited voted endorsement of the plan of co-operation with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

OUR INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING.

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., J. H. Kirkland, LL. D., D. C. L., Chancellor; value of grounds and buildings, \$1,250,000; endowment, \$1,450,000.

COLLEGES—CLASS A.

Class A includes those which not only conform to the requirements and recommendations of the commission, but which go beyond these.

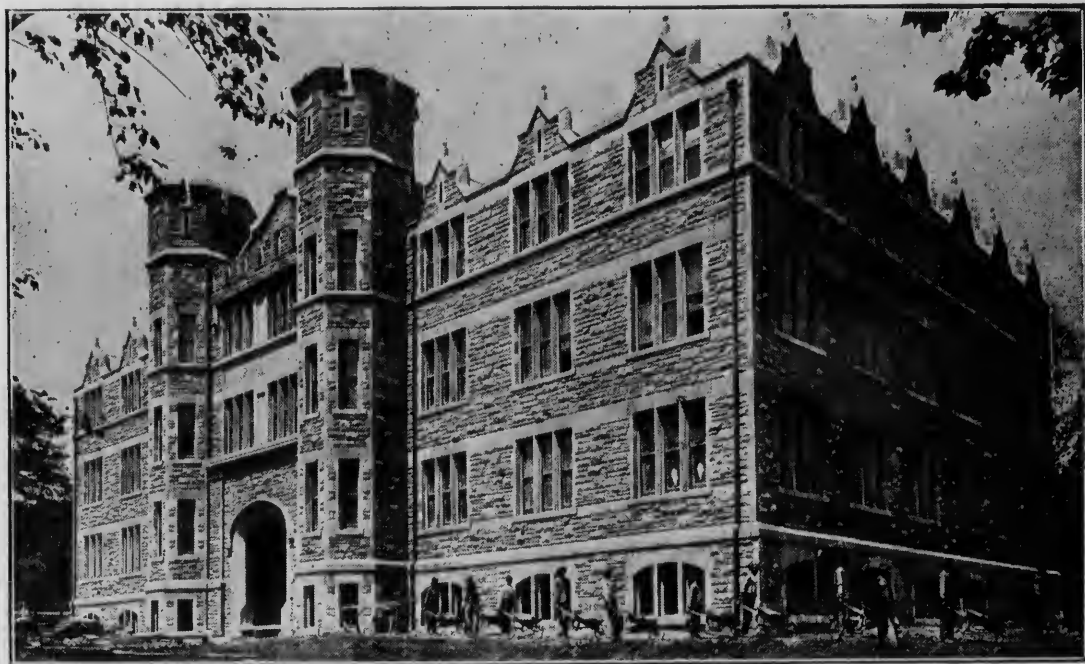
Central College, Fayette, Mo., Rev. Wm. A. Webb, President; value of grounds and buildings, \$210,000; endowment, \$190,000.

Emory College, Oxford, Ga., Rev. James E. Dickey, D. D., President; value of grounds and buildings, \$200,000; endowment, \$204,640.

Millsaps College, Jackson, Miss., Rev. W. B. Murrah, D. D., LL. D., President; value of grounds and buildings, \$150,000; endowment, \$180,000.

Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Va., R. E. Blackwell, A. M., LL. D., President; value of grounds and buildings, \$136,305; endowment, \$232,850.

Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg, Va., W. W. Smith, A. M., LL. D., President; value of grounds and buildings, \$315,250; endowment, \$210,500.



Furman Hall, Vanderbilt University.

Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas, R. S. Hyer, LL. D., President; value of grounds and buildings, \$400,000; endowment, \$80,000.

Trinity College, Durham, N. C., Rev. J. C. Kilgo, D. D., President; value of grounds and buildings, \$621,483; endowment, \$441,339.

Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C., H. N. Snyder, Litt. D., LL. D., President; value of grounds and buildings, \$210,000; endowment, \$89,238.

COLLEGES—CLASS B.

Class B includes those colleges which simply meet the requirements and recommendations of the commission.

Emory and Henry College, Emory, Va., Rev. R. G. Waterhouse, D. D., President; value of grounds and buildings, \$100,000; endowment, \$10,000.

Hendrix College, Conway, Ark., Rev. Stonewall Anderson, A. B., President; value of grounds and buildings, \$75,000; endowment, \$132,875.

Kentucky Wesleyan College, Winchester, Ky., H. K. Taylor, A. M., President; value of grounds and buildings, \$100,000; endowment, \$60,000.

Southern University, Greensboro, Ala., Rev. S. M. Hosmer, Ph. B., D. D., President; value of grounds and buildings, \$190,500; endowment, \$79,392.

COLLEGES—CLASS C.

Class C includes those colleges which conform to the requirements, but do not meet the recommendations of the commission.

Central College for Women, Lexington, Mo., Rev. Alfred F. Smith, A. B., President; value of grounds and buildings, \$150,000; endowment, \$30,000.

Columbia Female College, Columbia, S. C., Rev. W. W. Daniel, A. M., D. D., President; value of grounds and buildings, \$200,000.

Epworth University, Oklahoma City, Okla., G. H. Bradford, D. D., S. T. B., President; value of grounds and buildings, \$500,000; endowment, \$60,000.

Lagrange Female College, Lagrange, Ga., Rufus W. Smith, A. M., President; value of grounds and buildings, \$166,000; endowment, \$23,237.

Polytechnic College, Fort Worth, Texas, H. A. Boaz, B. S., M. A., D. D., President; value of grounds and buildings, \$150,000.

Soochow University, Soochow, China, Rev. D. L. Anderson, D. D., President; value of grounds and buildings, \$149,055.

Wesleyan Female College, Macon, Ga., Hon. Du Pont Guerrey, President; value of grounds and buildings, \$300,000; endowment, \$23,000.

Whitworth Female College, Brookhaven, Miss., Rev. I. W. Cooper, A. M., D. D., President; value of grounds and buildings, \$125,000; endowment, \$500.

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Andrew College, Cuthbert, Ga., Rev. J. W. Malone, A. M., D. D.; value of grounds and buildings, \$100,000.

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Candler College *a*, Havana, Cuba, Rev. E. E. Clements, A. B.; value of grounds and buildings, \$50,000.

Centenary Female College, Cleveland, Tenn., Rev. J. W. Repass, A. M., D. D.; value of grounds and buildings, \$90,000.

Colegio Colon *b*, Guadalajara, Mexico, Miss Norwood Wynn; value of grounds and buildings, \$50,000.

Coronal Institute, San Marcos, Texas, Rev. Sterling Fisher; value of grounds and buildings, \$50,000.

Galloway Female College, Searcy, Ark., J. M. Williams, A. B.; value of grounds and buildings, \$200,000.

Granbery College *a*, Juiz de Fora, Brazil, Rev. J. W. Tarboux, D. D.; value of grounds and buildings, \$106,416.

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Grenada College *m*, Grenada, Miss., W. L. Clifton, Ph. B., A. B.; value of grounds and buildings, \$80,000.

Henderson College, Arkadelphia, Ark., John H. Hinemon, A. M.; value of grounds and buildings, \$80,000.

Howard-Payne College, Fayette, Mo., Rev. Henry E. Stout, Ph. B.; value of grounds and buildings, \$75,000.

Kwansei Gakuin *a*, Kobe, Japan, Rev. S. H. Wainright, D. D.; value of grounds and buildings, \$65,000.

Lander College, Greenwood, S. C., Rev. John O. Willson, D. D.; value of grounds and buildings, \$60,000.

Mansfield Female College, Mansfield, La., O. S. Dean, A. B.; value of grounds and buildings, \$50,000.

Martha Washington College, Abingdon, Va., Rev. S. D. Long, D. D.; value of grounds and buildings, \$80,000.

Marvin Collegiate Institute, Fredericktown, Mo., Rev. C. M. Gray, A. B.; value of grounds and buildings, \$60,000.

Memphis Conference Female Institute, Jackson, Tenn., A. B. Jones, M. A., D. D., LL. D.; value of grounds and buildings, \$70,000.

Morris Harvey College, Barboursville, W. Va., D. W. Shaw, A. M.; value of grounds and buildings, \$75,000.

North Texas Female College, Sherman, Texas, Mrs. L. A. Kidd-Key; value of grounds and buildings, \$100,000.

Northwest Missouri College, Albany, Mo., James R. Clay, A. M.; value of grounds and buildings, \$50,000.

Paine College (negro), Augusta, Ga., Rev. George Williams Walker, D. D.; value of grounds and buildings, \$53,784.

Randolph-Macon Academy, Bedford City, Va., E. Sumter Smith; value of grounds and buildings, \$100,000.

Randolph-Macon Academy, Front Royal, Va., Chas. L. Melton, A. M.; value of grounds and buildings, \$100,000.

Randolph-Macon Institute, Danville, Va., Chas. G. Evans, A. M.; value of grounds and buildings, \$55,000.

St. Charles Military College, St. Charles, Mo., Col. G. W. Bruce, A. B., A. M.; value of grounds and buildings, \$60,000.

San Angelo Collegiate Institute *l*, San Angelo, Texas, W. M. Crutchfield, B. S.; value of grounds and buildings, \$50,000.

San Antonio Female College, San Antonio, Texas, Rev. J. E. Harrison, A. B.; value of grounds and buildings, \$100,000.

Sandy Valley Seminary, Paintsville, Ky., John R. Turner, M. S.; value of grounds and buildings, \$100,000.

Scarritt Bible and Training School *k*, Kansas City, Mo., Miss M. L. Gibson; value of grounds and buildings, \$75,000.

South Georgia College, McRae, Ga., R. J. Strozler, A. M.; value of grounds and buildings, \$75,000.

Southern College, Sutherland, Fla., Rev. J. P. Hilburn, D. D.; value of grounds and buildings, \$185,000.

Southern Seminary, Buena Vista, Va., Rev. E. H. Rowe; value of grounds and buildings, \$75,000.

Spaulding Female College *a*, Muskogee, Ind. Ter., Rev. Theo. F. Brewer, A. M.; value of grounds and buildings, \$103,000.

Stamford Collegiate Institute *l*, Stamford, Texas, Rev. Jerome Duncan; value of grounds and buildings, \$105,000.

Sue Bennett Memorial School *c*, London, Ky., J. C. Lewis; value of grounds and buildings, \$60,000.

Sullins College, Bristol, Va.-Tenn., W. E. Martin, A. M., Ph. D.; value of grounds and buildings, \$125,000.

Trinity Park School, Durham, N. C., Rev. H. M. North, A. B.; value of grounds and buildings, \$104,325.

Willie Halsell College *a*, Vinita, Okla., G. P. Ferree; value of grounds and buildings, \$100,000.

Woodson Institute, Richmond, Mo., W. M. Board, B. A.; value of grounds and buildings, \$50,000.

Young L. G. Harris College, Young Harris, Ga., Rev. J. A. Sharp, A. B.; value of grounds and buildings, \$50,000.

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

Universities, 1; colleges in Class A, 8; colleges in Class B, 4; colleges in Class C, 8; unclassified, 1; secondary institutions, 167; institutions only under the patronage of the church, 8; foreign schools, 52; total value of grounds and buildings, \$11,564,421; number of new buildings erected or completed, 47; cost of new buildings, \$701,640; total endowment, \$3,896,216; income from Annual Conferences, \$124,923; value of gifts and legacies, \$784,715; number of students, 35,694; students looking to the ministry, 778; number receiving free tuition, 2,673; number teaching the Bible, 106.

THE ST. LOUIS EDUCATIONAL CONVENTION.

In connection with the meeting of the Board of Education in St. Louis, April 23-25, there was held an Educational Convention which proved to be a most inspiring occasion. Interesting and

instructive papers were read by the following: Rev. James C. Morris, D. D., Rev. Charles W. Byrd, D. D., Rev. J. D. Hammond, D. D., J. H. Kirkland, LL. D., Prof. W. R. Webb, Rev. J. C. Kilgo, D. D., W. W. Smith, LL. D., H. N. Snyder, LL. D., Mrs. Mary N. Moore, Rev. A. F. Smith, Rev. O. E. Brown, D. D., Rev. C. E. Patillo, D. D., Rev. James Cannon, Jr., Bishop E. R. Hendrix, Rev. C. M. Bishop, D. D., Rev. T. E. Sharp, D. D., Rev. A. B. Culbertson, Hon. John A. Rich, Rev. Willis Carlyle, Rev. Samuel R. Hay, Rev. J. J. Stone, Rev. C. E. Downman, D. D., Rev. J. W. Gilbert, Rev. E. B. Chappell, D. D., Rev. F. S. Parker, D. D.

AS FOUND IN THE DISCIPLINE.

The Board of Education consists of seventeen members, elected quadrennially by the General Conference. Only members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, can be members of the Board. (Paragraph 424.)

The Board is located in the city of Nashville, Tenn., and shall meet annually. (Par. 425.)

The Corresponding Secretary of the Board, known as the Secretary of Education, is *ex-officio* a member of the Board. He is elected by the General Conference. (Par. 428.)

The Annual Conference Boards must make annual reports to the General Board. (Par. 430.)

Each Conference may apply its educational assessments to such educational work as it may foster, but donors may give special direction to their contributions.

Of the \$50,000 annually assessed for educational extension, \$15,000 must be applied to the expenses of the Board and the Corresponding School; \$15,000 for school extension; and \$20,000 for the education of the colored people. No appropriations shall be made from buildings except from funds contributed for that purpose. Preference in the distribution of the beneficiary fund is given (1) to students for foreign or home ministry; (2) to other promising and needy students, especially the minor children of our itinerant preachers. (Par. 432.)

The Board shall gather statistics, publish and distribute educational tracts, control all our work on behalf of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church in America, to increase endowments, strengthen our institutions, to judiciously originate new ones, and

correlate existing institutions, but in doing all this shall not create or assume any debt beyond the resources actually in hand and applicable to such purposes. (Par. 433.)

The College of Bishops shall appoint quadrennially a commission of ten practical educators who shall prescribe the minimum requirements for institutions seeking recognition as universities, colleges, and secondary schools. (Par. 435.)

The design of the Corresponding School established by the Board is to extend the benefits of religious education to preachers, teachers, and other Christian workers. (Par. 436.)

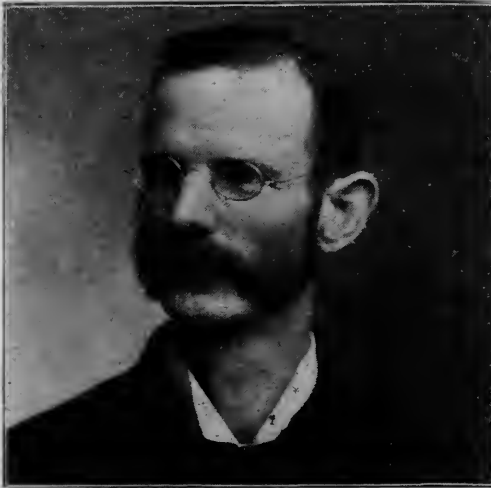
MISSIONS

"The life of the Church depends on carrying out the Great Commission in faith and love. So will she please her Lord. She will cultivate magnanimity. The purest and most generous zeal will fire her heart. She will know the richest joy possible to man, the joy of loving service to Christ and to mankind for His sake. In the order of noble longings and in the abundance of glad activities she will through the ages wax wiser, mightier, happier, more Christ-like. She will be the blessed mother of many children."—*Bishop John C. Granbery.*

GENERAL REVIEW.

(From 1906-'7 Report of Board of Missions.)

The past year has been an eventful one in mission fields. Events of far-reaching significance have followed each other in rapid suc-



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cession. The nations have been in a ferment of change. Some of these changes have been startling, almost all of them encouraging to the missionary. The statistics will show abundant reason for gratitude and for hope, but the greatest things elude statistical expression. The loss of faith in old religions, the giving way of prejudice, the dominant influence of Protestant Christian nations, the thirst for Western ideas, the breaking up of old customs and

social codes antagonistic to Christianity—these things, which count for so much, cannot be put in statistical tables. One who views the movements of the past year in view of these facts cannot fail to see that the Spirit of God is moving among the nations.

The financial showing is most gratifying. The increase over last year shows that we are making steady progress, the total gain being \$51,370. Collected on assessments, \$385,838; increase over 1905-'06, \$30,212. Collected from all sources, \$519,216; increase over 1905-'06, \$51,370. A comparison of the collections for missions this year with last shows progress in every direction. For instance, the number of districts that paid in full the assessments for both foreign and domestic missions was eighty-two; this year there were one hundred and one. Last year one hundred and twenty-one districts paid in full for foreign missions only, while this year the number was increased to one hundred and thirty-four. The number of charges paying out last year was 3,227; this year, 3,634—an increase of 407 charges. Nineteen Annual Conferences paid out in full in 1906, being two more than in the preceding year. Total membership in foreign fields, 18,514. Total collections in foreign fields, \$42,785.

The number of special missionaries supported by districts, churches, and individuals has steadily increased. It is becoming not uncommon for individuals to undertake the support of a missionary. It has proven a great stimulus to missionary liberality and a great blessing to the church wherever undertaken and successfully carried out, and should be encouraged. There is a tendency also now to undertake other specials, such as church buildings, schools, etc. This is encouraging, inasmuch as we have reached a stage in our work when the expense of housing and equipping the stations is largely increased and the support of missionaries is only a part of the outlay.

STATISTICS OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE BOARD, 1906-'07.

	Missionaries.	Wives of Missionaries.	Native Traveling Preachers.	Local Preachers.	Members, Including Local Preachers.	Sunday Schools	S. S. Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Epworth Leagues.	E. L. Members.	Societies or Organized Churches	Churches Entirely Self-Supporting.	Boarding Schools.	Teachers.	Pupils.
China	21	21	22	20	1,883	54	169	2,402	35	1,073	27	5	2	30	341
Korea	8	7	....	1	1,227	24	95	1,412	1	....	129	6	1	3	130
Japan	26	15	12	19	1,573	56	223	4,924	14	371	22	2	3	41	1,016
Brazil	16	13	22	16	5,061	67	227	2,940	39	1,751	61	5	1	24	163
Mexico	16	16	63	58	6,405	137	442	5,084	48	1,557	148	3	2	14	370
Cuba	11	9	1	12	2,365	36	118	1,096	15	705	33	....	3	17	519
Total	98	81	120	120	18,514	374	1,274	17,858	152	5,457	420	21	12	129	2,539

	School Buildings.	Value.	Hospitals and Dispensaries.	Value.	Church Buildings.	Value.	Parsonages.	Value.	Total Value of Mission Property.
China	12	\$201,807	1	\$14,792	25	\$17,900	14	\$22,926	\$257,425
Korea . . . . .	....	....	1	....	47	16,000	4	9,500	25,500
Japan	4	81,500	....	....	9	6,250	5	1,532	89,282
Brazil	1	106,416	....	....	21	135,283	8	66,233	307,932
Mexico	2	35,000	1	6,000	71	124,764	34	22,907	188,671
Cuba	1	42,000	....	....	25	76,250	11	20,000	151,168
Total	20	\$466,723	3	\$20,792	196	\$376,447	76	\$123,098	\$1,019,978

Receipts for foreign missions on regular collections, \$385,838; received from all sources, \$519,216. Increase in collections from home Conferences, \$30,212; increase in total collections, \$51,370.

EDUCATION IN OUR FOREIGN FIELDS.

(From the Report of the Board of Missions.)

Bishop Candler, who held the China Mission Conference last year, wrote as follows concerning the educational outlook: "It may be



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doubted if there is a well-manned mission school in all China which is not now overflowing with students, and which has not turned away, for lack of accommodations, scores of pupils at the opening of the present term. All the schools of our Church, for both boys and girls, are as full of pupils as they can hold, and many of the pupils—in some schools most of them—are from the highest walks in life. In our McTyeire School for Girls, at Shanghai, I saw at her studies a niece of Li Hung Chang. Nearly all the young men in the Soochow University are from the higher classes, and pay for their board and tuition just as the sons

of the wealthy do at the colleges in our own country.

"The turning of Mr. T. H. Yun (in Korea) from the honors and emoluments of public office to the class-room of a Methodist school marked a new era in our work in that wonderful country. The quick and generous response of the Church to appeals for funds for the school at Songdo over which he is to preside is amply justified in the noble and promising work he has so well begun there."

Dr. Lambuth, our Senior Missionary Secretary, in a recent letter says of a meeting just held in Tokyo, Japan: "The World's Christian Student Federation has just closed its session in Tokyo. The whole empire seems to have been impressed by the significance of such a gathering of representatives from twenty-five different countries, among them men and women who stand for the highest ideals and the greatest achievements in Christian work. Telegrams were received from President Roosevelt, King Edward, and Marquis Ito, the latter making a gift of ten thousand yen toward the expenses of the Conference. Much good work is being done in

behalf of the sixteen thousand Chinese inhabitants now gathered in Tokyo, some three hundred of these recently signifying their purpose to become Christians. There are over six hundred Korean students now in Tokyo. The whole East is alive. It is daybreak everywhere."

The growth of Granbery College has become an embarrassment. Two hundred and nine students have been enrolled, with possibilities of more if there were room. Rev. J. W. Tarboux writes: "Our class-rooms and dormitories are crowded. We have reached the point where we cannot preserve good discipline and do good work because of the jam." He writes also that the Y. M. C. A. is active in the college. At one meeting fifteen boys signified their intention of becoming Christians.

It has been found necessary to enlarge the building for Laurens Institute, in Brazil. By the generosity of the Rosebuds of Virginia, who made this school possible, the Board is enabled to expend ten thousand dollars in gold in additional room. Indeed, enlargement is the fashion and the imperative demand with our schools all over the country.

Cuba is being Americanized most rapidly. The knowledge of the English language is sought on all hands. Thousands already speak English well. This process of Americanization will continue inevitably under present commercial conditions. More and more the people will adopt American ways and acquaint themselves with the English tongue. It is obvious that in such a case English-speaking congregations will be of the highest value to the prosperity of our Church in Cuba and the upbuilding of our work among both Cubans and Americans, as some Cubans prefer even the services in English.

SOUL SAVING IN OUR FOREIGN FIELDS.

Notwithstanding the obstacles and the mistakes incident to all human operations, an astounding work has been done. The Roman Catholics count less than a million converts after three hundred years' work, and the Protestants less than a quarter of that number of converts after one hundred years of labor, and the annual increase of all Christians is perhaps only twenty-five thousand per annum, while the natural increase of population is four millions—a comparison which at first sight is discouraging enough.

For three years Korea has been in a continuous revival. They are turning to God by hundreds. No people in modern times, if in

any time, has shown such readiness to receive the gospel. Everywhere they are organizing to study the Scriptures and pray, and often send for a missionary to go where one has never been, that they may be instructed. They show a liberal spirit. They build their own churches and chapels.

Of the new mission set apart at the Conference, Bishop Hoss says: "The growth of the Church in that part of Brazil is remarkable. We took over the State of Rio Grande from our brethren of the Methodist Episcopal Church four or five years ago. At that time there were only about two hundred and fifty members in three or four weak congregations; now we have over one thousand members, and are making constantly larger gains. In Porto Alegre itself we have two good congregations, both of which would be self-supporting if they were only housed. As it is, they pay their own hall rent and all their current expenses.

It is the testimony of all who are in position to know that the opportunity for Protestant missions in Mexico is now greater than it ever was. The intense Roman Catholic fanaticism is dying out under increasing light and the restraints of a liberal government. The people are showing a desire to hear the gospel. The revival spirit has been abroad the past year. Indeed, there seems to be a rising tide of spirituality throughout the country. To meet the growing needs of our Spanish-speaking people, a hymnal is being compiled by Rev. P. A. Rodriguez, which will soon be forthcoming.

It ought to do us good and make us humble while glad to know that our Church has steadily climbed upward in this island (Cuba) until now practically one in every three Protestants in the island is a member of our Church. The rapid influx of Americans creates a demand for churches to meet their needs. This cannot be done through churches where services are held in Spanish. In a communication to the *Christian Advocate* Bishop Candler says of this new and growing problem: "We ought to have a Methodist church in every one of these American colonies. Such churches would save many a wandering boy, comfort many a broken-hearted exile, and strengthen many a poor child of misfortune struggling to get on his feet again.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

WHAT IS BEING DONE IN THE HOME DEPARTMENT.—This department was organized by our last General Conference. The first year was devoted to the study of conditions. Annual Conference



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OUR WESTERN WORK.—Bishop Atkins who has made an earnest study of this field, says: "Already the extent of the population (about five millions), the magnificence of its cities, the strength of the Western personality, and the prevalence of a large number of the most destructive sins of mankind in all sections and circles call for the immediate application of all the evangelizing agencies which the Protestant Christianity of America is able to command. . . . The movement thither is destined to continue without diminution, if not with actual increase, for a hundred years at least. If we fail to adequately provide for these people, and for helping them in the evangelization of the people of the West, our losses—which have already been large—will continue and will in-



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crease with the coming years. It will in this way occur that the great West, instead of becoming one of the richest fields for the growth and outward expansion of our Church, will continue through all the future to be a sort of bay into which our strength will be drained. Despite these immense losses in the past, we have now a well-organized church of about twenty thousand members on the Coast and on the slopes of the Rockies. A proper provision from the start would have given us not less than from three to five times that number. . . . The largest purpose of our Church on the Coast is not the mere conservation of that part of our membership which goes thither to live. This is, indeed, a very precious element, and one without which in the beginnings our Church could not achieve much. But its chief value is in its use as a power for the evangelization of the people of the West. This is the supreme purpose of our existence on the Coast, and it is only when our members there realize themselves as an agency for this great end that they vindicate their claims to the fostering help of the Church."

CONFERENCE OF MISSIONARY SECRETARIES.—Following the action of the last General Conference authorizing an annual meeting of Conference Missionary Secretaries, the first meeting was held in Nashville January 22-25, 1907. It was attended by thirty men, representing twenty-four Annual Conferences. The meeting was greatly helped also by the presence and counsel of several missionaries: W. E. Towson, of Japan; J. L. Kennedy, of Brazil; J. R. Moose, of Korea; Joseph Whiteside, of China, and Julius Magath, Missionary to the Jews. The meeting was a most inspiring one, and cannot but result in great good. Problems of the home and foreign fields were discussed and plans matured for the more thorough organization of the Conference Boards and a more vigorous campaign for the spread of the kingdom.

MISSION TO THE HEBREWS.—Rev. Julius Magath, our missionary to the Hebrews, says: "While there are many as yet among the preachers as well as among the laity who seem to be indifferent to the welfare or salvation of the Jews, I record with gratitude the fact that many are deeply concerned about Israel, and that the interest in our Church for Christ's kinsmen according to the flesh is growing steadily. Several brethren have written to me of conversion of Jews that have taken place in their charges, others have arranged special services for them, and altogether we have cause to take courage and to press on, and may the blessing of the God of Abraham abide on our Church by reason of the blessing we shall have been to Israel!"



Rev. Ed. F. Cook,
Secretary Young People's
Department.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.—

This department was established by the Board of Missions according to the authority granted by the last General Conference to provide for the missionary education of the churches through the Sunday schools, the Epworth Leagues, schools and colleges. In June, 1906, Rev. E. F. Cook, of the South Georgia Conference was elected Secretary of the department. The following are some of the lines of endeavor: (1) The development of a policy in the Sunday school; (2) the organization of mission study classes in the Epworth League;

(3) the facilitation of the work of the Fourth Department of the Epworth League and of the Sunday School Missionary Society; (4) the preparation of a monthly missionary programme for the *Epworth Era*; (5) the establishment of a Bureau of Illustrated Lectures for the use of pastors, Sunday school superintendents and Epworth League officers; (6) to give addresses and lectures at Conferences and Institutes.

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN WORKERS.—Reorganized under Paragraph 365 of the Discipline. The first regular session began September 19, 1906. The third Mid-Winter Institute opened January 31, 1907, and closed February 20th. Fifty-two persons were matriculated, forty-eight of whom were preachers. The Institute provided courses in the English Bible, in City Evangelization, in Foreign Missions, and in Church Methods. The school has circulated during the last three years about 65,000,000 copies of missionary booklets. A missionary exhibit has been prepared by the school. The Departments of Nurse, Deaconess Training and of Practical Training in City Missions have been added. Dr. Josiah Strong says of the school: "I know of no institution in all the land, North, or South, or East, or West which has a more intelligent comprehension of the needs of the times or is adopting methods or means more intelligently to meet those needs."

ASHEVILLE MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.—The Young People's Missionary Conference for the Southern States met at Kenilworth Inn, Asheville, N. C., June 28-July 7. It was composed of 250 dele-

gates from nine denominations. It was no greater in numbers than former Conferences, but the spirit and work were more satisfactory. The programme was of a high order. In addition to the public addresses of leaders and missionaries, there was conducted daily what might be fitly called a school of methods. The study classes, institutes, and group meetings were directed to training and planning for the work to be done during the year. There was a strong sentiment in favor of employing a secretary for the South, as has been done in the West.

OPENING OF MISSIONS.—China Mission opened in 1848; Conference organized in 1886. Korea Mission opened in 1895. Japan Mission opened in 1886. It is now a part of the Japan Methodist Church. Brazil Mission opened in 1874. Central Mexico Mission was opened in 1873; Conference organized in 1886. Mexican Border Mission Conference organized in 1885. Northwest Mexican Mission Conference organized in 1890. Cuba Mission opened in 1872; reorganized in 1896.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1907-'08.

Brazil Mission Conf.	\$44,537	Southwest Missouri Conference	\$ 1,600
South Brazil Mission....	15,000	New Mexico Conf.	4,500
China Mission Conf.	48,630	Florida Conf.	2,600
Korea Mission	24,288	Western Virginia Conference	1,400
Japan Mission Conf.	63,041	Representative on the Pacific Coast	1,700
Mexican Border Mission Conference	20,710	Jewish Mission	1,400
Laurens Institute	2,500	Training School	2,500
Central Mex. Mission Conference	23,790	Expense of Commission on Japan Union	1,000
Northwest Mex. Mission Conference	23,100	Young People's Department	4,000
Cuba Mission	29,080	Expense	29,500
Oklahoma Conf.	9,000	Travel of H. M. Hamill to Japan	300
German Mission Conf. ...	4,400	Total	\$384,566
Pacific Conf.	4,840	Annual Meeting ..	Sum sufficient
Los Angeles Conf.	4,350	Travel of Bishops, Sum sufficient	
Columbia Conf.	6,200		
E. Columbia Conf.	2,650		
Denver Conf.	4,500		
Montana Conf.	3,450		

PER CAPITA CONTRIBUTIONS OF VARIOUS CHURCHES.

The *per capita* contribution of the various churches in the United States to foreign missions is quoted as below :

Methodists	\$.45
Baptists . . . . .	.63
Presbyterians	1.04
Congregationalists	1.11
Dutch Reform	1.29
United Presbyterians	1.77

That of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is 74 cents for Foreign and Domestic Missions.

STATISTICS OF PROTESTANT MISSIONS IN CUBA
FOR 1907.

Denominations, 12; central stations, 145; other preaching places, 88; pastors, 100; other workers, 67; number of church members, 7,781; candidates reported, 2,546; Sunday schools, 141; officers and teachers, 410; pupils, 6,042; Young People's Societies, 44; members, 1,583; church buildings, 58; value, \$168,412; parsonages, 23; value, \$46,500; day schools and colleges, 31; teachers, 95; pupils, 2,474; collections from all sources, \$38,466.61; ministerial students, 27.

The above statistics are from the official printed minutes of the convention held in February. They are not absolutely correct as regards candidates for membership and values of property, but are as accurate as can be secured.—*S. A. Neblett*.

THEN AND NOW IN CHINA.

1807.

Not a single Chinese Protestant Christian. In 1842, after thirty-five years, there were only six church members; and in 1860 only about one thousand.

Morrison the only Protestant missionary. In 1830 two American missionaries landed, but even in 1860 the total missionary force numbered only 100.

No native helpers. In 1823 Liang Afa was ordained to the office of evangelist.

No part of the Bible in print. The Roman missionaries had translated large portions, but these had not been printed.

No Christian books or tracts in Chinese. Even fifty years later the number of such books in circulation was almost a negligible quantity.

China closed against the gospel. Even in 1857 only the five treaty ports were open to the missionary.

1907.

More than 150,000 church members, representing a Christian community of about half a million souls, in every province of the empire.

More than 3,800 foreign missionaries, including 1,146 wives. These are to be found in every provincial capital and in most of the large cities.

About ten thousand Chinese preachers, teachers, colporteurs, etc.

More than a million copies of the Scriptures, in whole or in part, were sold in China last year.

From Hankow alone, during the past thirty years, more than 26,000,000 Christian books and tracts have been issued and circulated.

AN INTERESTING TABLE.

The following table, compiled by the *London Tablet*, may indicate:

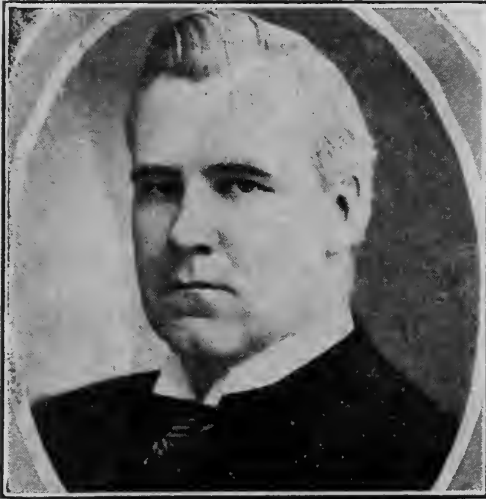
World population	1,550,000,000
Christians	550,000,000
Confucians and Ancestor Worshipers	253,000,000
Brahmins	210,000,000
Moslems	202,000,000
Buddhists	120,000,000
Fetish and Spirit Worshipers	145,000,000
Taoists	32,000,000
Shintoists	17,000,000
Jews	11,000,000
Other religions	3,000,000

CHURCH EXTENSION

"He, too, is blest whose outward eye
The graceful lines of art may trace,
While his free spirit soaring high,
Discerns the glorious from the base;
Till out of dust his magic raise
A home for prayer and love and full harmonious praise."
—*John Keble.*

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD.

April 9, 1891.—"Resolved, That the aggregate donations appropriated by this Board at any annual meeting shall not exceed its actual receipts for that purpose during the year preceding." (Page 85.)



Rev. W. F. McMurry,
Secretary of Church Extension
Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

April 13, 1892.—"Resolved, That applications for aid presented at any annual meeting, and not granted, shall not be considered at any subsequent annual or stated meeting, but shall be returned by the Secretary to the persons transmitting same with notice that it has not been granted, but such action does not preclude new applications for aid to any future meeting of the Board." (Page 129.)

April 28, 1893. Item 3.—
"Resolved, That no loan to a single church enterprise exceed the sum of three thousand dollars, except by a three-fourths vote of the members voting at an annual meeting." (Page 168.)

January 31, 1895.—"Resolved, That the Secretaries and Treasurers of Conference and City Boards of Church Extension be requested to make annual reports to this Board on the first day of February of each year, showing their receipts and disbursements

and list of churches aided by them, with the amounts granted to each during the preceding twelve months." (Page 238.)

April 24, 1903.—"Resolved, That mortgages shall not be required for loans or donations granted to the Board of Missions in cases where the property in question is owned by that Board."

WORK OF THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1907.

Annual collections for year ending March 31, 1907 . . .	\$110,379.30
Special donations for year ending March 31, 1907	14,877.31
Contributions to loan funds for year ending March 31, 1907	2,888.43
Interest on loans for year ending March 31, 1907	7,912.33
Collections on principals of loans for year ending March 31, 1907	66,589.95
From miscellaneous sources for year ending March 31, 1907	595.64
Donations refunded by churches for year ending March 31, 1907	458.40
Total	\$203,701.36

DEPARTMENT OF SAVINGS FUND FOR CHURCH BUILDING.—Established July 13, 1906. Total receipts to March 31, 1907, \$3,471.29, including interest.

CALIFORNIA RELIEF FUND.—Total amount received from all sources, \$8,722.16, administered through a local committee, consisting of Rev. J. A. Batchelor, J. W. Horn and William H. Waite.

OKLAHOMA SPECIAL.—A fund of \$1,500 to buy lots in Oklahoma. Amount subscribed, \$9,391.78. Amount paid to April 1, 1907, \$4,041.23. Up to date no sale of lots has taken place.

WASHINGTON CITY CHURCH.—The special committee appointed by the Board met in Washington City, March 20, 1907, with the committee appointed by the Mount Vernon Quarterly Conference. The committees agreed upon a lot at the junction of K Street, Massachusetts Avenue and Fifteenth Street. The campaign for securing the necessary funds has opened.

GENERAL ACCOUNTS—

Balance on hand, April 1, 1906	\$12,295.94	
Receipts during year	71,121.00	
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		\$83,416.99
Disbursements during year	64,742.17	
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Balance on hand, April 1, 1907		\$18,674.77

LOAN FUND ACCOUNT—

Balance on hand, April 1, 1906	\$ 8,180.60	
Receipts during year	78,244.48	
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		\$86,425.08
Disbursements during year	73,963.69	
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Balance on hand, April 1, 1907		\$12,461.39

SAVINGS FUND ACCOUNT—

Receipts during year	\$3,471.29	
Disbursements during year	2,934.00	
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Balance on hand, March 31, 1907	\$	537.29

PARSONAGE GENERAL ACCOUNT—

Balance on hand, April 1, 1906	\$4,623.74	
Receipts during year	18,200.60	
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		\$22,824.34
Disbursements during year	18,420.12	
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Balance on hand, March 31, 1907		\$4,404.22

PARSONAGE LOAN FUND ACCOUNT—

Balance on hand April 1, 1906	\$1,310.20	
Receipts during year	15,638.40	
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		\$16,948.60
Disbursements during year	\$10,714.98	
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Balance on hand, March 31, 1907		6,233.62

NEW LOAN FUNDS.

In addition to the twenty-three Loan Funds reported at the last annual meeting of the Board, three new ones have been established as follows:

"The Liston Loan Fund," with a capital of \$6,000.00, given by Mrs. Susan C. Liston, of Listonburg, Pa. The income is to be used in building churches in the foreign mission field.

"The Theo. B. Hoagland Fund," with a capital of \$1,000.00, which is the gift of Mr. Theo. B. Hoagland, of St. Joseph, Mo.



Dr. David Morton.



Dr. P. H. Whisner.

CHURCH EXTENSION NOTES.

The present capital of the Loan Funds, up to March 31, 1907, amounts to \$238,343.43. The total loans from 1882 to 1907 amount to \$727,314.68.

The contributions to special objects and loan funds, and regular collections from the Annual Conferences, from 1882 to 1907, aggregate \$1,743,588.

The total receipts on assessment (General and Conference Board for 1906-'7) were \$110,379.30, the increase over preceding year being \$7,892.58.

The actual number of churches aided by the Conference Boards from 1882 to 1907 is \$5,958, and the aggregate amount of grants paid is \$737,640.58.

The actual number of churches aided by the General Board from 1882 to 1907 is \$1,684, and the aggregate amount of loans and donations is \$1,379,160.33.

The amount of grants paid by both the Conference and General Boards from 1882 to 1907 aggregate \$2,116,800.91.

Of the 18,644 societies in the church 15,541 have houses of worship.

Of the 5,578 pastoral charges only 4,543 have parsonages.

The assessment for 1907-1908 is \$175,000. The previous year it was \$140,000.

The Conference having the largest assessment is the Virginia—\$11,130.

The value of the real estate and furniture and fixtures of the Board, \$8,952.26.

Rev. Arthur Mather, a member of the St. Louis Conference, is the office assistant of the Board.

The SOUTHERN METHODIST HANDBOOK is indebted for its information to the Church Extension Handbook, for 1907, which is a credit to Southern Methodism.

CHURCH EXTENSION ASSESSMENT, 1907-1908.—\$175,000.

<i>Conference.</i>	<i>Assessment.</i>	<i>Conference.</i>	<i>Assessment.</i>
Alabama	\$6,335	New Mexico	\$ 455
Arkansas	2,293	North Alabama	7,298
Baltimore	6,423	North Carolina	7,070
Brazil Mission	508	North Georgia	10,028
Central Mex. Mission . .	210	North Mississippi	5,023
China Mission	158	North Texas	5,828
Columbia	210	Northwest Mexiean . . .	105
Cuban Mission	105	Northwest Texas	8,803
Denver	228	Oklahoma	3,873
East Columbia	298	Pacific	1,418
Florida	3,203	South Carolina	8,803
German Mission	210	South Georgia	7,700
Holston	5,885	Southwest Missouri . . .	4,305
Illinois	735	St. Louis	3,728
Kentucky	3,308	Tennessee	6,475
Little Rock	3,920	Texas	6,143
Los Angeles	595	Virginia	11,130
Louisiana	4,008	West Texas	3,098
Louisville	5,005	Western North Carolina,	7,525
Memphis	6,488	Western Virginia	2,590
Mexican Border	175	White River	2,643
Mississippi	5,163		
Missouri	5,303		
Montana	193		
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			\$175,000

AS FOUND IN THE DISCIPLINE.

The Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is under a special charter granted by the Legislature of Kentucky, approved February 20, 1884, and amended March 10, 1886. (Paragraph 388.)

The Board consists of a President, Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer and thirteen Managers. The Bishops and Secretary of the Board of Missions are *ex-officio* members. (Paragraph 387.)

The Board is located in the city of Louisville, Ky., and shall meet at least annually. The fiscal year of the Board closes December 31st, annually. (Par. 390.)

The Board receives its revenues from annual collections, from special collections, by the Woman's Home Mission Society and by the Bishops; and from gifts, devises and bequests. (Par. 391.)

It is lawful for the Board to accept contributions, subject to annuities, but the aggregate amount of annuities must not exceed one-half of the interest received on the loans. (Par. 392.)

The Board may not appropriate money in the general work for other purposes than the purchase or securing of church lots, and the erection or securing of church buildings and parsonages. (Par. 393.)

The Loan Fund must be held separate from funds raised for general distribution. Loans must be made in adequate security. (Par. 394.)

All applications for help in the erection of a building must set forth among other things the nature of the title, its validity, and whether held in trust for the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. (Par. 395.)

Of all funds coming into the hands of the Annual Conference Board, fifty per cent. shall be turned over to the General Board. Donors, however, may give special directions to their subscriptions. (Par. 396.)

No part of the work of a City Board of Church Extension shall conflict with the collections and operations of the General and Conference Boards of Church Extension. (Par. 397.)

A District Board of Church Extension is subject to the regulation governing a city board and may do in each district what a city board does in its city. (Par. 398.)

The subject of Church Extension must be brought prominently before the district and Quarterly Conference by the Presiding Elder. (Par. 399.)

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

"All good citizens must cordially sympathize with the effort to secure for the children of all countries, for those who will come after us, and in whose hands the destinies of their several nations will lie, the education in things spiritual and moral that even more than the education of the head and hand is necessary to the making of the highest type of citizenship. I wish all success to those, whatever their creed, who, disinterestedly and in a spirit alike of common sense and devotion to duty, thus seek to train the future generation in the things of the spirit no less than in the things of the body."—*President Roosevelt.*

PRESENT STATUS.

Indications are numerous that the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is beginning to realize to some extent the vast possibilities

for good that lie in the vigorous prosecution of the Sunday school work. In 1905 there were reported 14,898 Sunday schools, 109,655 officers and teachers, and 1,040,748 scholars. In 1906 there were reported 14,892 schools, 111,137 officers and teachers and 1,084,238 pupils. The increase in the number of officers and teachers was 1,482; in number of scholars, 43,490. The loss in number of schools was 6. This is not an encouraging showing, but the splendid intensive work which is now being done gives us



Rev. E. B. Chappell,
Sunday School Editor,
Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

reason to believe that very soon the statistics will show that a wonderful growth has taken place in the extensive developments of the Sunday school. Particularly encouraging is the growth of

the Home Department as indicated by an increase during the year of 15,000 in the circulation of the *Home Department Quarterly*.

LITERATURE.

The circulation of our various periodicals on April 1, 1907, was as follows:

Sunday School Magazine	70,000	Gain, 7,000
Senior Quarterly	410,000	Gain, 30,000
Intermediate Quarterly	335,000	Loss, 15,000
Home Department Quarterly	40,000	Gain, 15,000
Junior Lessons	140,000	Gain, 5,000
Our Little People	180,000	.....
Olivet Picture Cards	164,000	Gain, 25,792
Children's Visitor	111,000	Gain, 6,000
Bible Lesson Pictures	2,400	Gain, 2,400
Total	1,452,400	
Net gain	76,192	

Changes have been made in the *Magazine* and in the *Senior* and *Intermediate Quarterlies* which will commend themselves to all. The effort in every case has been to adapt them more thoroughly to those for the use of whom they are intended.

Arrangements have been made for publishing quarterly missionary lessons in each of our Sunday school periodicals for the year 1908. We are endeavoring to make the *Visitor* a means for the spread of missionary intelligence and the awakening among our young people of vital missionary interest. A series of articles on "Missionary Heroes" and a series of illustrated letters from the Orient by Dr. W. R. Lambuth are now running in its columns.

A number of other important changes and additions are planned for 1908. Among these are the publication of a Primary Teachers' Quarterly, and an Adult Class Monthly. The publication of the latter will depend on the response from our Sunday schools to a request for conditional subscriptions.

The circulation of Sunday school literature is increasing rapidly. Mr. E. E. French, one of the best equipped Sunday school men in the church, has been employed as Superintendent of Sunday School Supplies.

RELIGIOUS PEDAGOGY AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

On this subject, Dr. Chappell, Sunday School Editor, says: "We again call attention to the action of our last General Conference providing for the raising of \$50,000 for the endowment of a chair of Religious Pedagogy and Sunday Schools in the Biblical Department of Vanderbilt University. Conditions are forcing upon our attention as never before the importance of the teaching function of the Christian ministry, and the conviction, therefore, that we must prepare our young preachers for this department of service. I trust there will be no lack of interest on the part of our pastors and Sunday school superintendents in the movement inaugurated by our General Conference for meeting this urgent demand. Let us adopt as our motto for 1908 "*A Children's Day Service and an Offering in Every Sunday School in Our Church.*" Such a united effort on behalf of a great connectional enterprise, besides insuring the success of the enterprise, would be an immediate and incalculable blessing to the Sunday school cause.

TEACHER TRAINING.

Dr. H. M. Hamill, Superintendent of Training Work, is rapidly developing this important department. Many Sunday School Institutes have been held and the results of these are plain and emphatic. The Bible Teachers' Study Circle has proven a great blessing. The following are the Circle Books that have been recommended and are being used by teachers and officers:

THE TEACHERS' COURSE.

The books of this course, in cloth, three in number, at \$1.00 per set, postpaid, or 40 cents each, are as follows:

"The Bible and Its Books. Hamill. A brief study of the Bible in general.

"Doctrines and Polity of the M. E. Church, South." Atkins and Tillett. The pith of Methodism.

"The Sunday School Teacher." Hamill. A practical book on teaching. The "Teacher's Diploma" issued for this course.

THE OFFICERS' COURSE.

(The "Officers' Course" differs from the "Teachers' Course" by one book only.)

"The Bible and Its Books," "Doctrines and Polity," "The Organized Sunday School." Axtell. The best book on Sunday school management.

The three books of the "Officers' Course," in cloth, at \$1.00 per set, postpaid, or 40 cents each.

The "Officer's Diploma" issued for this course.

PRIMARY TEACHERS' COURSE.

Whenever it is desired, primary teachers may take Black's "Practical Primary Plans," price 75 cents, in place of "The Sunday School Teacher." The cost of the three books of the Primary Teachers' Course will be \$1.35. A special "Primary Teacher's Diploma" will be issued.

THE ORGANIZED ADULT BIBLE CLASS.

What is it? It is a class definitely connected with some Sunday school and has the following officers: Teachers, President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. It has the following Standing Committees: Membership, Devotional, and Social. The class shall consist of those who are over sixteen years old.

The following advantages result from the Organized Adult Bible Class:



Rev. L. F. Beatty, D. D.,
Assistant Sunday School Editor,
Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

1. It increases the attendance and class membership, and creates enthusiasm in Sunday school work.

2. It solves the Big Boy and Big Girl problem by keeping them in the Sunday school and church.

3. It increases the interest in Bible study.

4. It increases the offerings.

5. It increases class spirit. The organized class becomes "our class" and not the "teacher's class."

6. It does things for its members, the Sunday school, and the Church—its ideal is "every member at work."

7. It teaches its members how to win souls to Christ, and brings the Church in touch with the masses, making it a great evangelistic agency.

8. It furnishes teachers for the Sunday school and workers for other kinds of church work.

Every organized class should be supplied with the *Adult Student*, the new monthly, whose first number was published January, 1908. See this number for constitution and other points.

Its object will be to help the adult classes to become better Bible students and more intelligent Christian workers, to acquaint all with the plans and methods of successful classes, and to aid, in every way possible, in making the study of the Bible more attractive, in order that the adult masses may be brought into the Church and trained for Christian service in the extension of Christ's kingdom. Organize your classes at once. Send in your orders for the *Adult Student*, and other supplies, and get into line with the great forward movement of the day.

THE RATIO OF SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHOLARS TO CHURCH MEMBERS.

The one fact that the Sunday school is the recruiting ground of the church proves that only at the peril of the church itself can we neglect the Sunday school. The present ratio of Sunday school scholars to church members in Southern Methodism proves that the Sunday school is being neglected, and that to an alarming extent. No church can be fully discharging its duty to the Sunday school when there are fewer Sunday school scholars than church members. The ratio of the former to the latter for the year 1907 was .65. This means that there are nearly twice as many members as there are Sunday school scholars.

To show what a slight increase there has been in this ratio for the seven years, we invite the attention of our people to the following table of ratios:

1900	.....	.58
1901	.....	.587
1902	.....	.61
1903	.....	.63
1904	.....	.63
1905	.....	.64
1906	.....	.65

There is another fact which should give us grave concern. It is that the rate of increase in Sunday school scholars is so little larger than the rate of increase in church members. The rate of increase in Sunday school scholars for the last seven years is as follows:

1900 .....	.005
1901 .....	.035
1902 .....	.056
1903 .....	.049
1904 .....	.028
1905 .....	.032
1906 .....	.042

The rate of increase in Sunday school scholars for the last seven years is as follows:

1900 .....	.003
1901 .....	.023
1902 .....	.012
1903 .....	.027
1904 .....	.017
1905 .....	.02
1906 .....	.03

We have some figures to present which show that the rural churches are falling far behind the urban churches both in gain in Sunday school scholars and church members. We are dealing now only with the North Carolina Conference.

Forty stations in 1905 had 15,571 members; in 1906, 16,108 members. This is a gain in membership of .034.

These stations in 1905 had 12,276 Sunday school scholars; in 1906, 12,583. A gain in Sunday school scholars of .025. The church membership in these stations has increased more rapidly than the Sunday school.

Forty circuits in 1905 had 21,947 church members; in 1906, 22,412. A gain in membership of .021.

These circuits in 1905 had 14,746 Sunday school scholars; in 1906, 14,787. A gain in Sunday school scholars of .002.

The gain in church members for the rural churches was greater than the gain in Sunday school scholars.

URBAN CHURCHES.

Gain in church members .....	.034
Gain in Sunday school scholars .....	.025
Ratio of S. S. scholars to church members .....	.78

RURAL CHURCHES.

Gain in church members .....	.021
Gain in Sunday school scholars .....	.002
Ratio of S. S. scholars to church members .....	.61

These figures show not only that great is the need of the Sunday school interest in our towns, but that it is greater in the country. There should be a great Sunday school revival all through our rural sections.

TABLE SHOWING RATIOS.

	S. S. Scholars	Church Members	Ratio of S. S. to Ch. M'b'rs.	Increase of S. S. Sch'l'rs.	Inc. Ch. Memb'rs.
1900	853,751	1,470,520	.580	.005	.003
1901	884,329	1,505,241	.587	.035	.023
1902	934,110	1,523,747	.61	.056	.012
1903	979,935	1,555,402	.63	.049	.027
1904	1,007,830	1,582,363	.63	.028	.017
1905	1,040,748	1,614,645	.64	.032	.02
1906	1,084,238	1,656,609	.65	.042	.03

Increase of Sunday school scholars in 1899, 849,101; increase of church members in 1899, 1,464,808.

THE BARACA CLASS.

BY T. B. ELDRIDGE, RALEIGH, N. C.

It should not be necessary to present the argument for Baraca Bible classes to Southern Methodism, since the General Sunday School Board of our church has placed the stamp of approval upon the movement and has recommended that Baraca classes be formed in all our Sunday schools. By the time this HANDBOOK is issued the Sunday school Editor will have provided for the special needs of Baraca classes by bringing out a new adult class monthly. All, then, that needs to be done at this time is to tell our people something about the Baraca class, and what it is doing, and to urge our pastors and superintendents to get in line with the greatest movement for young men that this age has known.

A Baraca class is a self-organized and self-governed class of young men for the encouragement of Bible study and the promotion of Christian activity. It is part of the Sunday school, meets with the school and conforms to its regulations and authority; but it carries on its activities through its own officers and com-

mittees, and is taught by its own elected teacher. Each Baraca class is a distinct organization. It is strictly denominational; that is, a Baraca class in a Methodist Sunday school is a Methodist Baraca class. All Baraca classes conform to certain essentials in plan of organization, but as to details there is the widest liberty in making plans for carrying on their work.

The prominent characteristic of the Baraca class is "something doing." It is said that in the old system the teacher was "it," and the others were "those present." It is different in a Baraca class. The idea is expressed in the motto, "Young men at work for young men, all standing by the Bible and the Bible school."

Anybody may organize a Baraca class. It is not necessary to obtain a dispensation or call in an organizer; but it is advisable to obtain the assistance of an experienced Baraca man to organize a class when one can be secured. Membership in the World-wide Baraca Union is recommended.

The Baraca movement is gaining ground in Southern Methodism; not as rapidly as could be desired, but the good work is going on. The past year has seen much progress on this line in North Carolina. Within twelve months three Methodist Baraca classes have been organized in Raleigh.

Some may inquire as to the meaning of the name Baraca. The answer may be found in II Chronicles xx. 26. We say it means blessing. The spelling of the name was simplified for the purpose of fitting it into a class pin. Some may say there is nothing in a name. After some experimentation with class names in Raleigh there is no difference of opinion as to there being a great deal in the Baraca name.

Any one who contemplates organizing a Baraca class should write to our publishing house at Nashville, Tenn., and to the Baraca Supply Company, Syracuse, N. Y. (both, not either), not neglecting to enclose a stamp, for supplies which will be sent to any one asking for them.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS FOR THE SOUTHERN STATES.

(Showing number of children yet out of Sunday school. Compiled from reports of National Bureau of Education and International Sunday School Association.)

State.	Scholastic Population.	Sunday School Enrollment	Yet out of Sunday School.
Alabama	640,500	186,857	453,643
Arkansas	456,920	281,350	175,570
Florida	173,670	106,989	66,681
Georgia	752,520	289,185	463,335
Indian Territory	190,000	67,200	122,800
Kentucky	684,064	230,560	453,504
Louisiana	469,100	59,000	410,100
Maryland	336,230	239,059	97,171
Missouri	942,821	594,440	348,381
Mississippi	537,310	112,724	424,586
North Carolina	650,700	430,000	220,700
South Carolina	478,480	382,383	96,097
Tennessee	653,845	325,115	328,730
Texas	1,067,710	385,947	681,763
Virginia	595,470	385,400	210,070
West Virginia	317,157	207,095	110,062
Total	8,946,497	4,283,304	4,663,193

Note.—These statistics were furnished at Richmond, Va., Nov. 23, 1905, by Mr. R. E. Magill, Secretary and Treasurer of the Presbyterian Committee of Publication and Sabbath School Work.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

THE YEAR 1906-'07.

(From Twenty-ninth Annual Report.)

Reports which have come from the centers of our operations abroad are more encouraging than before. They show that more rapid progress is being made, that ever-widening opportunities are demanding greater activity, more workmen, better equipment, and further extension. Much was done last year; much more must be done this. Standing still or retrograding is not life, but death. One of life's joys is the fact that by God's help we can do more—we can grow.

Nine missionaries were sent out last summer—three new missionaries to Korea, four to China, and two to Brazil. Including 1900, forty-two missionaries have been sent to the foreign field. At this time the missionaries are provided with better homes and more commodious and convenient buildings for school purposes.

Virginia School, in Huchow, China, one of the most substantial, beautiful buildings owned by the Woman's Board, was completed and equipped by the Virginia Conference Society. The Tennessee Home and Memphis School are also in Huchow and built during the year just closed. These buildings are the result of the loving service and special effort of the Tennessee and Memphis Conference Societies. The chapel to the Davidson Bible School and Louise Home, in West Soochow, is the special gift of the South Georgia Conference Society. The Susan B. Wilson School, in Sung Kong, is the gift of love from the Baltimore Conference Society. In Korea the Tallulah Hargrove Memorial, largely given by the North Mississippi Conference Society, is also occupied, contributing much to the comfort and necessities of our Songdo missionaries.

In Brazil, at Bello Horizonte, the Isabella Hendrix Institute is about ready for occupancy, giving the Board a stronghold in that beautiful and influential city. In addition to the buildings named, enlargement and additions have cost the board no little.

As the future opens up more money must be expended, or the best work cannot be expected of the missionaries. The Laura Haygood Memorial should be completed; a new house should be built for the Hayes-Wilkins Bible School. In Korea the Lucy Cuningim Home and School should be enlarged, and a more commodious

school building is needed in Songdo. In Brazil the promises made the school in Ribeirao Preto should be fulfilled, and a home put up there. An addition is needed at Piracicaba, that so many pupils need not be turned away year by year. In Rio, to conserve our work there, a suitable structure should go up at an early day.

A new building in Guadalajara, Mexico, is among the urgent necessities of the coming year, to say nothing of the buildings needed in the City of Mexico, as well as in Cuba. Having secured a title to the hundred and sixty acres of land connected with Methvin Institute, the school building there should soon be enlarged and improved. While the retrospect rejoices our hearts, that so much has been done during 1906 and 1907, the prospect should give us courage and determination to go forward. The call for a number of new missionaries is imperative, and the support of those already in the field more imperative.

Statistics at the close of the fiscal year, March, 1907, made our people better acquainted with the wide, wide world which is still groping in darkness, sadly in need of the gospel of the Son of God.

While our Board is strengthening its centers of missionary operations, very little of extension is to be noted.

STATISTICS.—Countries entered, 6; number of mission stations in all, 30—8 in China, 3 in Korea, 8 in Brazil, 8 in Mexico, 2 in Cuba, and one among the Indians. Number of missionaries, 72; number of assistants, 213; number of boarding schools, 28; number of day schools and kindergartens, 37; number of Bible women, 152; number of scholarships, 373; number of buildings owned by the Woman's Board, 25; number of rented buildings, 12, costing in annual rentals, \$7,000.

Including the Training School in Kansas City, property owned by the Woman's Board reaches the sum of \$383,000.

The income of the Woman's Board, in addition to the amounts collected on the field, was for 1905-'06, \$155,951.10; for 1906-'07, \$173,978.90, an increase of \$18,027.83.

STATISTICS OF THE ORGANIZATION IN THE HOME LAND.—Conference Societies, 34; Districts, 266; Adult Auxiliaries, 2,419; Golden Links, 371; Juveniles, 1,937—making a total of 4,727 Societies, and a membership of 84,527. Of this number, 51,160 are adults; Golden Links, 7,871; Juveniles, 25,496.

EXHIBIT FOR YEAR 1906-'07.

	Missionaries	Native and Foreign Helpers	Total Teachers	Boarding Schools	Pupils in Boarding Schools	Day Schools	Pupils in Day Schools	Total Pupils
China	21	35	56	7	179	25	377	556
Korea	9	10	19	3	125	2	150	275
Brazil	20	50	70	5	123	4	759	882
Mexico	17	100	117	6	2,200	6	1,057	3,257
Cuba	5	12	17	2	322	2	50	372
Indian Mission . . . . .	....	6	6	1	50	....	....	50
Total	72	213	285	24	3,019	39	2,393	5,392

	Bible Women	Bible Schools	Scholarships	Hospitals	Buildings Owned by Woman's Board	Buildings Rented by Woman's Board	Value of Prop. Owned by Woman's Board
China	102	2	164	1	13	4	\$110,000
Korea	19	1	71	....	4	2	20,000
Brazil	9	....	31	....	5	5	120,000
Mexico	22	1	38	....	6	4	140,000
Cuba . . . . .	....	....	25	....	....	2	....
Indian Mission . . . . .	....	....	4	....	1	....	10,000
Scarritt Bible & Train- ing School . . . . .	....	....	....	....	....	....	100,000
Total	152	4	373	1	29	17	\$483,000

Collections, \$174,000. Increase in collections, \$19,000. Membership during past year, 84,587.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY

ENCOURAGING FACTS.

THE YEAR.—The year has been one of steady growth, and a gratifying increase of auxiliaries and membership is reported. This growth is represented by 246 more auxiliaries and 6,325 members. Northwest Texas has the largest increase of any Conference, showing a net gain of 32 auxiliaries and 981 members. North Georgia follows with 26 more auxiliaries and 646 more members than were reported last year. North Mississippi, Texas, and Western North Carolina have also gained notable ground. The collections during the Week of Prayer amounted to \$8,749.17, the largest ever taken at this season.

PARSONAGES.—The Northwest Texas Conference Society has led all the Conferences in number and amount of donations to parsonages this year. Number of parsonages helped this fiscal year by the Board, 51; amount, \$5,100; Conference Societies, 131; amount, \$13,155.27; total number, 182; amount, \$18,255.27.

SUPPLIES.—Number of boxes sent preachers, 160; number of boxes sent mission schools, 236; number of boxes sent orphanages, 493; number of boxes sent storm and earthquake sufferers, 40; total, 929. Value of goods sent in boxes, \$25,849.23.

LOCAL WORK.—The reports of local work the past twelve months show: Visits to sick and strangers, 339,930; cottage prayer meetings and Bible readings, 7,129; garments in good condition distributed, 99,686; needy helped, 25,586; expended on local work, \$205,287.03.

CUBAN AND ITALIAN WORK.—The society has four schools in Tampa, Fla., which has a population of 41,000, of whom 20,000 are foreigners. The Wolff Mission School for Cubans is located in that part of Tampa, called Ybor City. In this school there are four teachers with 130 children. In the West Tampa school there are three teachers, with 60 pupils. Ruth Hargrove Seminary is at Key West. It has twelve teachers and 360 pupils. The Italian day school has three teachers and 228 pupils. The night school for Italians: One teacher and fifteen regular attendants. There are twenty-three teachers employed by the Board in the Cuban and Italian work, and there are 846 pupils.

MOUNTAIN SCHOOLS.—Sue Bennett School at London, Ky., has had a prosperous year. There have been in attendance 359. Sixty

conversions have taken place among the pupils. Practical work in a broom factory near has been inaugurated. Brevard Institute has enrolled 197 pupils. Ten grades of work are carried on. There are forty-five boarding students—all Christians. In the Holston Industrial Home and School there were 112 children. In the mountain schools there were twenty-four teachers with an enrollment of 636 pupils.

SCHOOLS ON THE PACIFIC COAST.—The earthquake last April on the Pacific Coast and racial prejudice and exclusion laws have created a great agitation against Japanese and Chinese, which has made the work difficult. But the reports are good, and each school shows an increased attendance. At San Francisco the earthquake and fire scattered the students all over the State, so the school was practically disbanded. Owing to this demoralized condition the school was merged into one for Koreans, who are coming in large numbers to this country. These schools for Orientals have enrolled two hundred and twenty-one students and resulted in the establishment of a Korean Church. Eight salaried teachers are engaged in this work on the Pacific Coast.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.—In the Vashti Home and School, at Thomasville, Ga., 46 have found a Christian Home. The Rescue Home and School at Dallas has 87 inmates. Forty-two are under instruction. All of the 87 became Christians. The industrial department for negro girls at Paine Annex, Augusta, Ga., has three teachers and 150 girls. The total number of schools enterprised by the Board was fifteen with 2,166 pupils.

CITY MISSIONS.—In eighteen cities the Woman's Home Mission Society is carrying forward their work through their City Mission Boards. Two of the largest City Mission Boards were forced to suspend work for lack of trained workers. Three of the smaller cities let the work die for the same reason, while several cities wait to secure a deaconess or missionary before organizing. In Atlanta, St. Louis, Nashville, and Kansas City the work has grown to large proportions in the various phases of work opened. The addition of a night school, a district nurse, and shower baths in Atlanta make a greater opportunity for helping than existed a year ago. The establishment of a cooking school at Augusta, a daily noon lunch and Bible study with forty working girls at St. Louis, and the care of children from the Juvenile Court at Kansas City are the outgrowth of this touch of sympathy and constraining love of God which reaches the heart and wins it to the Christ this



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year. The Wesley House at Galveston was opened in October, and is proving an open and effectual door to many. It is located within reach of twelve or fourteen nationalities. The city work is represented at present by 18 City Boards, employing 34 trained workers, 52 salaried and 191 volunteer workers. The institutional work is carried on in 7 Wesley Houses, 2 Deaconess Homes, one Institutional Church, one Door of Hope.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY.—There have been twenty-eight home mission students in training this year, thirteen seniors and fifteen juniors. Of the thirteen seniors, seven are ready for consecration as deaconesses, five are ready to enter home mission work either as city missionaries or teachers, and one was prevented by illness from completing the course, but will return in the fall and be ready to enter the work this next year.

JUVENILE AND YOUNG PEOPLE.—Miss Mabel Head, Assistant Secretary, has organized auxiliaries and home mission study classes at a large number of colleges. During the year 2,483 names were added to the Baby Roll, and the collection from membership fees and mite boxes of all this host of little people amounted to \$2,345.43. The Florine McEachern Mite Box Brigade has added 3,452 names this year, making 12,007 boys and girls who have enlisted in this service since its organization. During the year they have collected \$2,777.95, making a total of \$9,347.53 raised by the children since the organization of the brigade, in 1903. The money raised through these mite boxes, and that which Mr. and Mrs. McEachern give annually on the return of little Florine's birthday, is invested, so that interest, less that used for keeping a deaconess in the Training School, is accruing, which will swell the amount to be put into the hospital or deaconess fund. At present \$14,300 is invested in good mortgages on real estate at six per cent. interest.

STATISTICS.—Adult Auxiliaries, 2,435; adult members, 50,177; Young People and Juvenile Auxiliaries, 174; Young People and Juvenile members, 3,656. Total members, 53,833. Auxiliaries organized during the year, 350; Baby Roll members, 2,483; members of Florine McEachern Mite Box Brigade, 3,452; day schools, 10; night schools, 5; pupils in school, 2,166; teachers, missionaries and deaconesses, 125; parsonages helped by Board, 51; parsonages helped by Conference societies, 131. Total parsonages helped this year, 182. Cash collections for connectional work, \$100,996.65; collections reported by voucher, \$22,985.27. Total collections for

connectional work, \$123,985.27. Value of supplies sent through Supply Department, \$25,849.23. Subscribers to *Our Home*, 13,303.

DEACONESSSES.—The deaconess movement is gaining favor with the church, as the purpose and scope is being demonstrated in the service of our deaconesses. Seventeen have rendered effective service this year, while two have been given a furlough for rest and recuperation. Fourteen applicants have been in training this year on scholarships provided by the Woman's Home Mission Society. Nine candidates will come up for consecration at this session. Through Miss Head's visits to the colleges and meetings for young people the need and opportunities for deaconesses are brought to the attention of many young women.

MEETING OF THE BOARD.—The Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, assembled in its ninth annual session in the Second Presbyterian Church, Houston, Tex., April 26, 1907; and was called to order at 9:45 A. M. by the President, Miss Belle H. Bennett.

STATISTICS FROM 1886 TO 1907.

Number of members	53,833
Receipts for connectional work	\$ 721,281.90
Receipts for local work	1,165,985.31
Total receipts	1,887,267.21
Number of parsonages built and aided	2,023
Money donated to parsonages	190,448.11
Value of supplies distributed outside of receipts above stated	150,975.27
Number of day schools supported	10
Number of night schools supported	5
Number of pupils enrolled	2,166
Number of missionaries and teachers employed	125
Number of City Mission Boards	18
Number of Rescue Homes and Doors of Hope	2

COLLECTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES.

By cash	\$100,996.65
By voucher	22,985.27
For local work	205,287.03
Grand total	<u>\$329,268.95</u>

VALUE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE SOCIETY.

Schools for Cubans, at Tampa, Fla.	\$ 8,000
Sue Bennett Memorial School, at London, Ky.	35,000
Rescue Home, at Dallas, Tex.	15,000
Ruth Hargrove Institute, at Key West, Fla.	12,300
Paine Annex, Augusta, Ga.	7,000
Rebecca Sparks Deaconess Home, Waco, Tex.	2,500
Homer Toberman Deaconess Home, Los Angeles, Cal.	10,000
Brevard Industrial School, Brevard, N. C.	13,000
Grand total	\$102,800

APPOINTMENTS OF DEACONESSSES FOR 1907-'08.

- Asheville, N. C.—Miss Josephine Guffin.
- Atlanta, Ga.—Wesley House, Miss Dollie Crim.
- Augusta, Ga.—Miss Annie Trawick, deaconess.
- Birmingham, Ala.—First Church, pastor's assistant, Miss Mary Vaughan, deaconess.
- Crossett, Ark.—Miss Mae McKenzie, deaconess.
- Columbus, Ga.—Miss Birdie Cate, deaconess.
- Dallas, Tex.—Wesley House, Miss Ida Adreanson; Miss May Wilson, deaconess.
- Galveston, Tex.—Wesley House, Miss Annie Mutch, deaconess; Miss Kate Lowder.
- Gastonia, N. C.—Miss Ida Stevens, deaconess.
- Griffin, Ga.—Miss Selina Monohan, deaconess.
- Houston, Tex.—St. Paul's Church, pastor's assistant, Miss Elizabeth Taylor, deaconess.
- Kansas City, Mo.—Mrs. E. M. Souby, deaconess; Miss Janette Haskin, Miss Kate Wilson.
- Kansas City Institutional Church.—Pastor's assistant, Miss Florence Blackwell, deaconess.
- Los Angeles Deaconess Home.—Miss Maria Elliott, deaconess; Miss Moizelle Elliott, nurse; Miss Louise Whitman, deaconess.
- Louisville Wesley House.—Miss Mary E. Smith, deaconess; Miss Roberta Baker.
- Louisville.—The Temple, pastor's assistant, Miss Addie Mitchell, deaconess.
- Macon, Ga.—Door of Hope, Mrs. F. M. Knowles.
- Memphis, Tenn.—Miss Fronie Webb.

Memphis, Tenn.—First Church, pastor's assistant, Miss Maybelle Marshall, deaconess.

Mobile, Ala.—Wesley House, Miss Ella Ganow, Miss Josie Lev-
erett.

New Orleans, La.—Miss Ethel Jackson, deaconess; Mrs. L.
Meekin.

New Orleans, La.—First Church, pastor's assistant, Miss Lee
Crittenden, deaconess.

Nashville, Tenn.—Miss Fannie Mann, deaconess.

Portsmouth, Va.—Mrs. Annie K. Barrett, deaconess.

Spartanburg, S. C.—Miss Jennie Smith.

St. Louis, Mo.—Sloan Mission, Miss Rosa Lowe.

St. Louis, Mo.—Centenary Church, pastor's assistant, Miss Mabel
Kennedy, deaconess.

Tampa, Fla.—Mrs. M. N. Carr, deaconess.

Tampa, Fla.—Cuban Work, Miss Elizabeth Davis, deaconess.

Waco, Tex.—Rebecca Sparks Home, Miss May Lockard, dea-
coness.

Miss Mattie Wright and Miss Bessie Wilhoit left without ap-
pointment at their own request.

THE EPWORTH LEAGUE

"So long as the human hearts of the dissatisfied millions of our fellow-beings are reaching out for the good they have not found; so long as *ignis-fatuus* lights continue to rise from the marshes of error and sin; so long as there are ingenious theorists and credulous converts; so long as there are crochety thinkers and passionate agitators in our midst, we may expect new societies to spring up. . . . The Epworth League belongs to the glorious Church of Christ, and all the members of it are loyal sons and daughters of the Church."—*Jacob Embury Price*.

PRINCIPLES OF THE EPWORTH LEAGUE



Rev. H. M. DuBose, D. D.,
Secretary of Epworth League
and Editor of the Epworth Era.

1. The Epworth League is a young people's society, and it must be maintained as a society of young people. The older people must withdraw and the places of leadership in the chapters must be in control of young people.
2. The religious idea and ideal must be kept in the foremost places in all plans of League work.
3. The pastor must co-operate actively and heartily with the League, and the young people must be a right arm of power to the pastor.
4. The tendency to separation, if it exists, must be suppressed. The Church and the League are one and inseparable and must remain so, or disaster for both will result.
5. The devotional meeting must be developed into a place of Christian testimony, and therefore of spiritual power. All devices that interfere with the natural and spontaneous recital of real Christian experience must be excluded.
6. Evangelism must be given more prominence in the program of the League's activities.

7. A larger place and a more earnest purpose must be accorded to Bible study by the Chapters.

8. The great missionary enterprises of the Church must be put closer to the hearts of the young people, and the call to missionary service must make its appeal to their consciences; and that call must elicit a wider and quicker response.

9. The Church must develop a deeper interest in the social concerns of its young people.

10. The young people must be instructed in the life, plans, and purposes of the Church. They are a part of the Church; and they must know about its mission, or they can never proclaim its message or perpetuate it as a regenerating force in the world.

11. The future of the young people's movement is largely in the hands of the leaders in the churches. If they are wise, they will so direct and develop the energies of the movement as to make it a greater force than it has ever been. It has this possibility in it. But if they are indifferent and censorious, the future will be made more uncertain because the highway on which the young host is traveling will be beset with additional obstacles.

The Epworth League is a part of the Church. It does not desire to be separate from it. All the activities of the Church are dear to it, and in these the League intends to participate as far as it has opportunity and ability. To say that the League has outlived its usefulness is to utter an absurdity. If the organization were disbanded, some other form of society with substantially the same purposes would come into being. The thing to do is not to bury the League under a heap of hostile criticism, nor to freeze it by indifference, nor to belittle its service to the Church by a sneer; but to bring all the forces of the Church into active, cordial, and constant sympathy and co-operation with it.

Let pastors, presiding elders, Church officials, and all who have places of leadership and opportunity for inspiration get close to the young men and young women of the League. The pulsing utterance of a warm heart will do more for the success of the League in the local Church than the cold criticism of some cynic. Sympathy is what the young people need, and it should flow out to them in a steady stream from all those who have the highest interests of the Church at heart. The young people "are great believers in great inspirational leadership, and a living leader they will follow." Such leadership they should find not only among the general officials of the Church, but among the officials in the local

Church—the men and women whom they know and meet and mingle with day by day. The real leaders of the youth and the molders of the young life of the Church are in the churches; and if this leadership fails, the movement will fall sadly short of the fulfillment of its bright promises, and the Church itself will suffer lasting disaster.—*Nashville Christian Advocate*.

MEMBERS BY CONFERENCES.

(1906.)

Arkansas	1,760	New Mexico	496
Alabama	3,758	North Alabama	2,965
Baltimore	8,920	North Carolina	2,339
Brazil Mission	1,682	North Georgia	3,282
Central Mexico	536	North Mississippi	1,691
China Mission	1,073	North Texas	4,948
Columbia	253	N. W. Mex. Mission	480
Cuban Mission	662	N. W. Texas	8,004
Denver	646	Pacific	1,747
East Columbia	580	St. Louis	3,883
Florida	3,249	South Carolina	1,951
German Mission	366	South Georgia	5,172
Holston	6,365	S. W. Missouri	4,977
Illinois	795	Tennessee	3,056
Oklahoma	4,891	Texas	4,034
Japan Mission	371	Virginia	5,270
Kentucky	1,644	West Texas	3,656
Little Rock	3,006	W. North Carolina	3,093
Los Angeles	1,087	Western Virginia	2,746
Louisiana	2,075	White River	1,680
Louisville	2,999		
Memphis	2,349	1906	123,629
Mexican Border	478	1905	120,372
Mississippi	2,337		
Missouri	6,061	Net gain	3,257
Montana	216		

LEAGUE EDITORS OF THE CONFERENCE ORGANS.

We are indebted to the *Texas Christian Advocate* for the following directory of League editors:

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ORPHANAGES

THE VIRGINIA CONFERENCE ORPHANAGE.

It is located in Richmond, Va., and is owned by the Virginia Conference. It was opened September 3rd with ten orphans, and now has ninety-eight. There are four buildings, a farm of ninety acres, one mile west of Richmond. The value of the whole property is \$112,000. No endowment. The only sources of income are voluntary contributions. The average cost of an orphan per year is \$87.50. Virginia Methodism is enthusiastically interested in the Orphanage.

Rev. J. T. Mastin is superintendent and manager; Miss Harriet R. Collins, matron; Mr. W. H. Vincent, Capron, Va., president; Capt. John L. Roper, Norfolk, Va., vice-president; Col. John P. Branch, Richmond, Va., treasurer.

ARKANSAS METHODIST ORPHANAGE.

Located in Little Rock, Ark., and is the property of the three Conferences in Arkansas—the Little Rock, Ark., and White River. The movement for an orphanage began at the Little Rock Conference in 1897, and materialized shortly afterward, when the stockholders of "The Woman's Industrial Home" offered to the Orphanage Board three lots of ground in Little Rock, 150 feet frontage and 160 feet deep. There was also a frame building given. The real estate of the Orphanage is worth \$6,300. There are over twenty children in the Orphanage. Twenty-three boys and girls have been put out in good families.

Rev. T. W. Fisackerly is agent and superintendent; Mrs. Fisackerly, matron.

ALABAMA METHODIST ORPHANAGE.

Located at Summerfield, Ala., and owned by the Alabama and the North Alabama Conferences. It was opened September 15, 1890, with two orphans. It now has seventy-eight. It has sheltered in all 525. It has two buildings valued at \$25,000. It has no endowment. It is supported by voluntary contributions. The average cost of an orphan per year is \$72.00. The attitude of

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WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' HOME.

It is located in Louisville, Ky., and is the property of the Louisville and the Kentucky Conferences. It was incorporated March 18, 1871. There were forty-four children in the Home, September 1, 1906. The total value of the property is \$78,749.35. Endowment fund, \$41,685.74. Home property, furniture, cash, etc., \$37,063.61. The sources of income are voluntary contributions. A collection is taken in every Sunday school of the two Conferences on every fifth Sunday with great success. The work-day plan was used in September, 1905, with success. The Home can accommodate 125 children. Children are placed out in good homes after very careful examination through resident committees, etc. The Home is responsible, legally, only until the age of eighteen. The Home is now in the best condition, in every way, in its history.

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THE METHODIST ORPHANAGE.

It is located at Raleigh, N. C., and is owned by the North Carolina Conference. It was opened on Thanksgiving Day, 1900, with one orphan. It now has about 130.

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Rev. John N. Cole is superintendent; Mrs. Mattie A. Jenkins, matron; Jos. G. Brown, secretary and treasurer; Miss Olivia Breeze, assistant matron; Misses Lucy Reeks and Laura Breeze, teachers.

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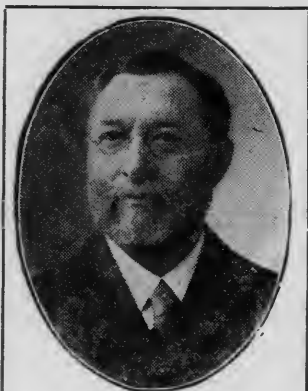
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Located at St. Louis. It is the property of the St. Louis District, St. Louis Conference. It was opened in 1867 with three orphans. It now has 150. It is managed by a board of ladies with an advisory board. There are two Homes. One has 100 children from two years of age and upwards. The other is the Boys' Home, containing now fifty boys. These boys attend the public schools. There is a school in the other home. The Board of Trustees look after finances and property and advise with the Board of Managers. Both boards have a president, secretary and treasurer. Mrs. John J. O'Fallon is president of the Board of Managers. There are two buildings, and the total value of the property is \$125,000. The total cost per year of an orphan is \$100.

SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE ORPHANS' HOME.

It is located at Vineville, near Macon, Ga. Is owned by the South Georgia Conference. It was opened in 1872 with twenty-six orphans. It now has 106. It has seven buildings valued at \$40,000. The value of the whole property is \$50,000. It has a very small endowment. The average cost per orphan is about \$60 per annum.

J. T. Dozier is superintendent and manager. Mrs. J. T. Dozier is matron. Rev. W. A. Huckabee, of McRae, Ga., is agent; J. J. Cobb, secretary; C. T. King, treasurer. There are two teachers in the school. Rev. A. M. Williams, D. D., P. E., Thomasville District, is president of the Board of Trustees. R. F. Burden, Macon, is chairman of the local board. While the Home is under the control of the Conference, it is undenominational in its benefits.



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Located at Columbia, S. C., and owned by the South Carolina Conference. It was established in January, 1896, with about one dozen orphans. It now has 156, with capacity for 200. It has eleven brick and nine wooden buildings. There are 114 acres of land belonging to the institution. The buildings are valued at \$50,000. The value of the whole property is placed at \$150,000. The cottage plan, with central dining-room, has been most successfully adopted. The Orphanage has a graded school with a ten-grade system and five teachers. Industrial training also is given to the orphans. A new home has just been completed with capacity for thirty orphans. The sources of support are voluntary contributions. The Conference is deeply interested in the Orphanage. The cost per year of an orphan is \$75. A new industrial building is now being erected.

Rev. W. B. Wharton is superintendent, who also acts as agent and treasurer. There is no chief matron. Each home has a matron, who reports to the superintendent.

THE METHODIST ORPHANAGE.

(1905-'06)

Located at Waco, Texas. Property of the four Texas Conferences and the German Mission Conference. Opened in 1904 with one orphan. It now has 104. Has had 428 from the beginning. Rev. W. H. Vaughn is business manager; Rev. T. E. Bowman, assistant manager; Mrs. T. E. Bowman and Mrs. L. M. Safford are the matrons. The school has two teachers. There are two buildings with 200 acres of land. The total valuation of the property is \$60,000. The source of income is the assessments for current expenses and voluntary donations. Average cost per year of an orphan is \$60.

MISSISSIPPI METHODIST ORPHANS' HOME.

Located at Jackson, Miss. Is owned by the two Mississippi Conferences. It opened in 1898 with two orphans. It now has 121. The agent and manager of the Home is Rev. Q. A. Oats. Mr. J. B. Streater is secretary and treasurer. There are three teachers in the school. The value of the entire property is \$40,000. The source of income is voluntary gifts from the church. The average cost per year of an orphan is \$70. The Home was burned in July,

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INDUSTRIAL HOME AND SCHOOL.

(1905-'06)

It is located at Greenville, Tenn., and is the property of the Home Mission Society of the Holston Conference. It was opened in 1895 with nine orphans. It now has about twelve hundred. Total enrollment since opening, 182. It has six buildings valued at \$25,000. Value of all property is \$30,000. Its sources of income are voluntary contributions. The Holston Conference is in full sympathy with the institution.

Mrs. E. E. Wiley is the superintendent and treasurer; Mrs. Mary B. Sparks, matron. The property is insured up to the law's limit.

NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE ORPHANS' HOME.

This Orphanage is located near Decatur, Ga., and is owned by the North Georgia Conference. It was opened in 1870 with less than a dozen orphans. There are nine buildings. The value of the property is \$60,000. Its sources of income are work-day collections, and special collections under the agent. The average cost of an orphan per year is \$100. The 25th day of September is set apart for all Methodists within the bounds of the North Georgia Conference to set apart the amount of a day's work to the orphans. The plan originated with a layman and works well. Work-day in 1906 in seven Southern States resulted in nearly \$30,000 to the Home. The Home has now about 130 orphans.

Rev. C. A. Jamieson is superintendent and manager; Rev. H. L. Crumley, agent; A. G. Candler, secretary, and George Muse, treasurer. There are ten matrons. There are four teachers. R. A. Hemphill is the president of the Board of Trustees.

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The results of the work done will be shown in part, by the statement below :

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The time has come for this work, and it will be done. The thing first demanded of our Methodist fathers in this country was to carry the gospel at short notice and small cost where it was urgently needed, and existing provisions were inadequate. The characteristics of that movement were faith, self-denial, courage, and a scriptural optimism. What we have now, and the greater things we hope for, are the results of that earlier movement; and I feel like saying that if we of this generation do as well as our fathers did in their day, great should be our joy.

The first grand incentive to this work is that it will please God. The next consideration in its order is the fact that we can do this work. The agent for this fund, the Rev. John R. Stewart, has the assurance that he does not so fight as one that beateth the air. That many-sided, great-hearted chief pastor who said that he felt almost tempted to envy this sacred mission of our esteemed brother, the agent, gave utterance, I doubt not, to what has been felt by many others.

A third consideration that will be glanced at here is the fact that this movement will improve the quality of our ministry. It will justify and lead to greater carefulness as to the quality of the men we license to preach. The Church, made more careful and prayerful in the spirit and methods of calling its ministry to their high vocation, will move more cautiously in the exercise of its rights in the premises.

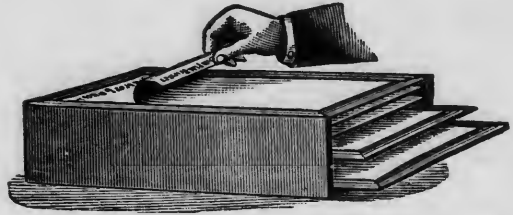
A fourth consideration that addresses itself to some of us with great force is the conviction that an appeal to our whole Church by all its pastors in behalf of this movement will bring fresh inspiration to its officials everywhere, with a baptism of power and a forward spiritual movement to all our people.

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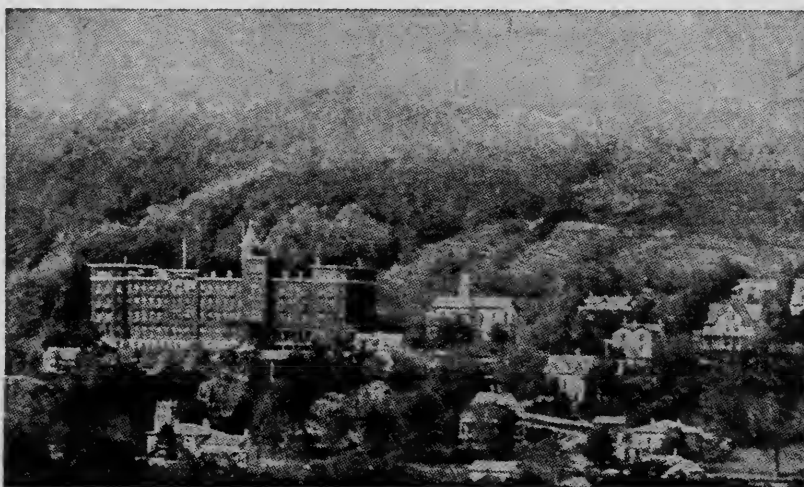
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the year	8,696	Persons temporarily as-	
Men passed out during		sisted	38,303
the year	8,552	Tons of coal distribut-	
Meals supplied	1,318,044	ed	275
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It was a notable gathering considered from any standpoint. Dr. Lambuth says: "I have been led to marvel as the work of discussion has gone on from day to day at the unity of spirit, the power of intercessory prayer, the invincible faith, the range of vision, the extraordinary amount of work done by committees with dispatch and precision, and the wisdom of the conclusions reached."

Dr. Allen is, of course, mentioned as one of the prominent figures in the body. Before the communication reached us the faithful old missionary had gone to the great conference above. It was granted him to see this fruition of missionary toil, of which for forty-seven years he had given his full quota, before closing his eyes on the scenes of earth, and then Moses-like go to sleep while the splendid vision was still fresh on his soul.

A great deal of emphasis was laid on the unity of the Church in China.

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
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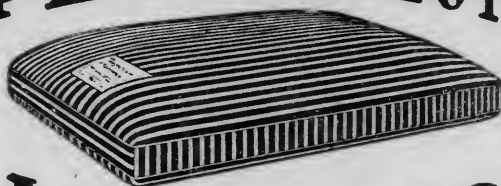
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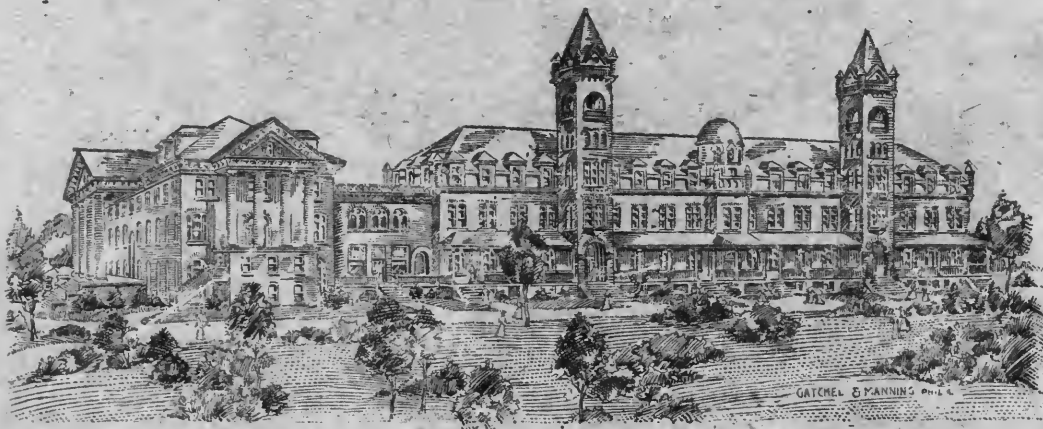
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